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Obama Honors 'Agents of Change'

HAIL TO A CHIEF: President Obama awards Joseph Medicine Crow, the last living Plains Indian war chief, the Medal of Freedom in the East Room of the White House Wednesday. Obama said this year's 16 recipients of the nation's highest civilian honor — including Sen. Edward Kennedy, film star Sidney Poitier and tennis legend Billie Jean King — were all "agents of change."

Asteroid Program Lagging

Report: NASA lacks funds to spot potentially deadly rocks

WASHINGTON | NASA is charged with spotting most of the asteroids that pose a threat to Earth but does not have the money to complete the job, a U.S. government report says.

That's because even though Congress assigned the space agency that mission four years ago, it never gave NASA the money to build the necessary telescopes, according to the report released Wednesday by the National Academy of Sciences.

Specifically, the mission calls for NASA, by 2020, to locate 90 percent of the potentially deadly rocks hurtling through space. The agency says it has been able to complete about one-third of its assignment with the current telescope system.

NASA estimates that there are about 20,000 asteroids and comets in our solar system that are potential threats. They are larger than 460 feet in diameter — slightly smaller than the New Orleans' Superdome. So far, scientists know where about 6,000 of these objects are. "It shows we have a problem we're not addressing," said Louis Friedman, executive director of the Planetary Society, an advocacy group. (AP)

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RAINING FISH

First Sign of the Apocalypse Seen

Authorities in northwest Ohio say a fish — a Lake Erie freshwater drum, known as a sheepshead — smashed a car windshield Tuesday when an eagle dropped its catch from a height of about 40 feet. Driver Leighann Niles says the impact felt like a brick hitting her Toyota. The woman from the Cleveland suburb of South Euclid was vacationing along the lake in Marblehead. (AP)

WILDLIFE

Discovery Channel Mulls 'Otter Week'

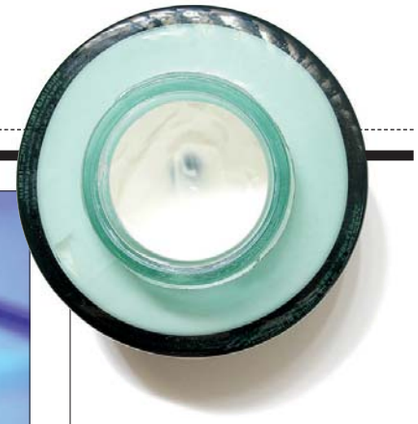
A woman on vacation in Drummond, Wis., is getting rabies shots after being bitten by otters. Brigitte France was swimming last Wednesday when three otters appeared. Just as she got to shore, "there they were — one on the right leg and one on the left leg." She said they swam off when she shook her legs, but not before biting her eight or nine times. (AP)

AXEL SCHMIDT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

BARTENDING

Shake It Till You Make It

German bartender Levent Yilmaz shows off his juggling skills at the 35th-annual World Cocktail Championships on Tuesday in Berlin. More than 800 bartenders from 52 countries participated. The competition has two categories: one is "classic," in which taste is judged, and the other is "flair," in which the drink-making process is celebrated via flashy routines with airborne bottles, flying shakers and more. (EXPRESS)



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Plea Stolen From Guy in the Next Cell

An 86-year-old Chicagoan who's been arrested more than 60 times pleaded guilty to the latest charge against her after allegedly stealing wrinkle cream and other items from a grocery store. Ella Orko was arrested Aug. 2 after authorities say she stuffed $252 worth of items into her pants, including cosmetics, salmon, batteries and instant coffee. She was sentenced to two days in jail, which is what she's already served. (AP)

FARMING

"It wasn't malicious or anything — it didn't take her finger off, but took the central stone of her diamond ring."

— **PAUL CAYGILL**, A BRITISH FARMER WHOSE PIG GINGER SWALLOWED THE DIAMOND FROM A VISITOR'S WEDDING RING. THE STONE HAS NOT YET REAPPEARED, THOUGH CAYGILL CONTINUES TO LOOK FOR IT.

Nation

In Brief

WASHINGTON

White House: Swastika Graffiti in Ga. 'Ridiculous'

The White House says anyone who painted a swastika on a sign outside the office of a congressman recently involved in a heated argument over health care should be ashamed. Presidential spokesman Robert Gibbs called the spray painting of Nazi graffiti outside Democratic Rep. David Scott's office in Smyrna, Ga., "ridiculous." Gibbs says it's a sign that the national debate over President Obama's health care plan has gotten "completely out of hand." The swastika was found Tuesday. (AP)

Gibbs

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Judge Thows Out Suit Over Confederate Clothing Ban

A federal judge on Wednesday ruled that a Tennessee school's ban on Confederate clothing was a reasonable attempt to prevent disruptions because of previous racial threats at the school. U.S. District Judge Tom Varlan threw out a former student's free speech lawsuit against the school dress code, ruling Tuesday that there would be no retrial. (AP)

Upbeat Fed Rallies Stock Market

Central bank claims economy may finally be nearing a recovery

NEW YORK | A more upbeat Federal Reserve is reassuring investors that they've been making the right bets.

Stocks bounded higher Wednesday after the central bank ended a two-day meeting by saying the economy appears to be "leveling out" rather than shrinking at a slower rate. The Fed's more positive take on the economy than it had in June wasn't surprising but it still bolstered hopes for a recovery.

Wednesday's advance energized the market's summer rally after it stalled on Monday and Tuesday. Major market indexes jumped more than 1 percent, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 120 points.

Investors who sent stocks soaring the past four weeks on expectations for a recovery went into Wednesday hoping for a change in the Fed's language. Many investors were anticipating that the central bank's assessment might be moving closer to their own after the Labor Department said Friday that the nation's unemployment rate fell in July for the first time in 15 months.

The Fed's statement was particularly gratifying after traders suffered an attack of nerves Tuesday that slashed 1 percent from the major indexes. Concerns about the health of banks fed that drop, but the Fed's statement soothed those fears. The central bank also left interest rates unchanged, as expected.

"They did really endorse the fact that we're moving into recovery, not searching for the bottom," said Bruce McCain, chief investment strategist at Key Private Bank in Cleveland. TIM PARADIS (AP)

RICHARD DREW/AP

Stocks surged on Wall Street on Wednesday after the Federal Reserve indicated the nation's recession may be leveling off.

RETAIL The Price Isn't Even Remotely Right Few if any of the deals retailers have offered online during the recession have been as good as Best Buy Inc.'s sale price of $9.99 on a 52-inch TV Wednesday. But it quickly turned out the offer was too good to be true. The electronics retailer said it will not honor the $9.99 price posted on its Web site for a 52-inch Samsung flat-screen TV. Bloggers and Twitterers lit up the Internet with posts about the offer, some insisting Best Buy must honor it. By early afternoon, the TV was listed for $1,799.99. (AP)

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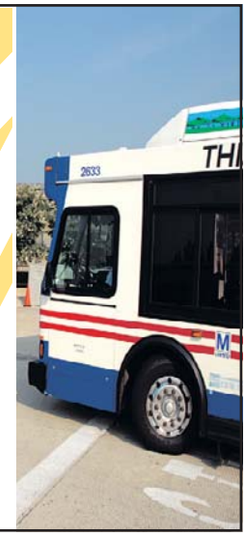

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Terror Suspect Convicted

Ga. man sent videos of landmarks in U.S. to groups overseas

ATLANTA | A 23-year-old U.S. man was convicted Wednesday of aiding terrorist groups by sending videotapes of U.S. landmarks overseas and plotting to support "violent jihad" after a federal jury rejected his arguments that it was empty talk.

The jury found Ehsanul Islam Sadequee guilty of all four charges he faced after about five hours of deliberations. The charges carry a maximum penalty of 60 years in prison, and his sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 15.

Authorities say Sadequee never posed an imminent threat to the U.S., but he took concrete steps to bolster terrorists when he sent the videos overseas and tried to aid a Pakistan-based terror group while on a trip to Bangladesh.

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE/AP

Ehsanul Islam Sadequee poses in front of the Capitol in a video taken in 2005.

Sadequee, who stared silently as the verdict was read, is the second terror suspect in Georgia to be convicted in the last two months. A judge convicted Sadequee's friend Syed Haris Ahmed in June on one count of conspiring to support terrorism in the U.S. and abroad.

Sadequee's relatives said the conviction was an example of overzealous prosecution in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. Sadequee's sister Sonali said she was "absolutely disappointed" by the jury's decision.

"What's most frustrating to see that the post-Sept. 11 climate, even though Obama has communicated there's going to be a shift, it hasn't really gone down to the general understanding of the community and social attitudes," she said. GREG BLUESTEIN (AP)

SAN FRANCISCO | PENGUINS ON PARADE

JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

FREE TO ROAM: Onlookers take pictures of two Magellanic penguin chicks as they make their way to their new home at the San Francisco Zoo on Wednesday. Four Magellanic penguin chicks were let loose as part of the annual March of the Penguins event. The animals waddled to their new home on the zoo's Penguin Island, where 50 other penguins live.

CRIME **Christopher Robbin'** The man who robbed an Illinois bank at gunpoint Friday looks like a hard-boiled tough guy straight out of pulp fiction. Except for his sweatshirt, which featured Winnie the Pooh, the lovable bear who's a classic of children's fiction. FBI agents on Wednesday dubbed him the Winnie the Pooh Bandit and released surveillance photos in hopes of tracking him down. (AP)

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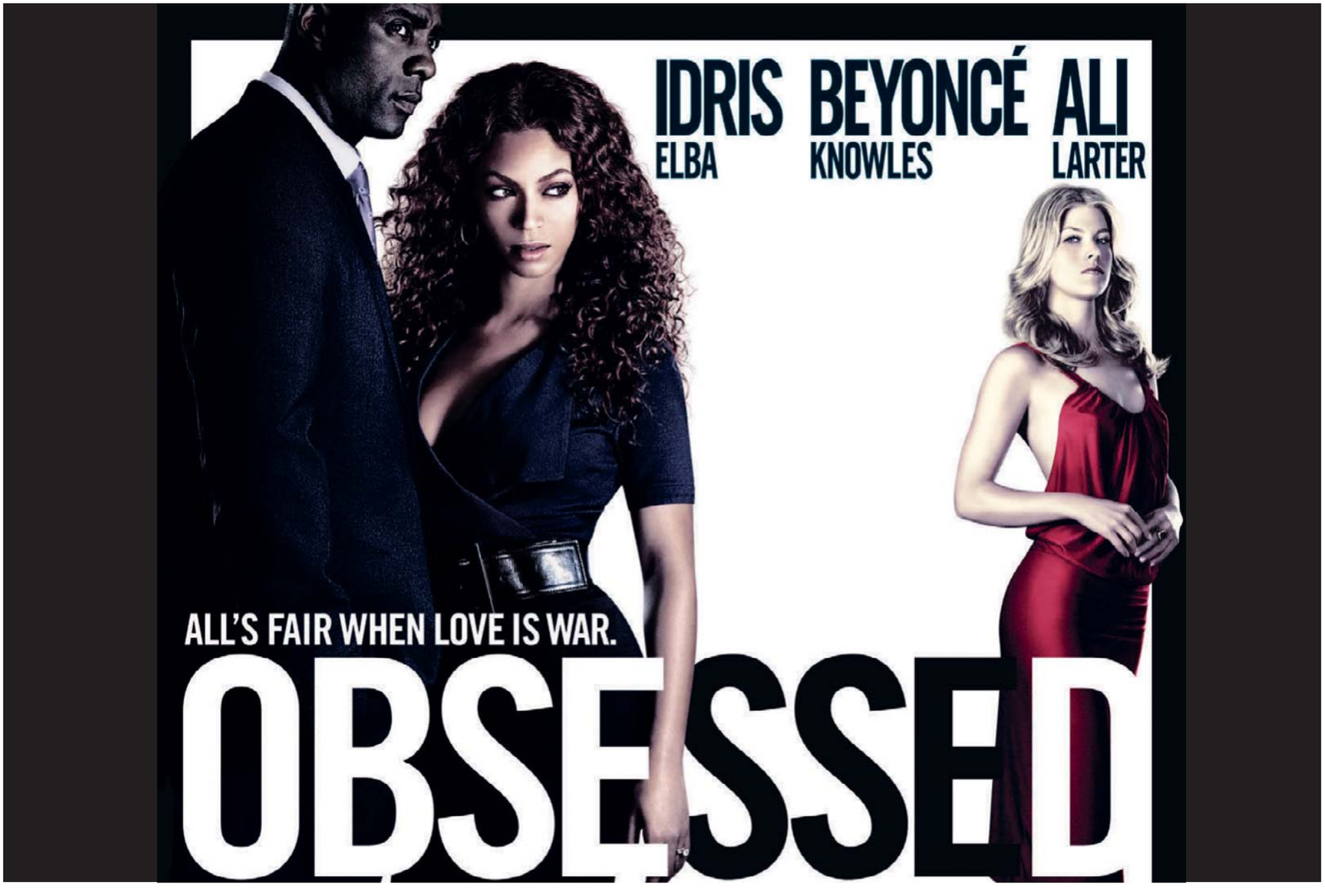

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U.S. Officials Will Tour Mich. Prison

Facility considered a possible site to hold detainees from Gitmo

LANSING, MICH. | Obama administration officials plan on Thursday to tour a soon-to-be-shuttered Michigan state prison considered an option to hold terrorism suspects now detained at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

Two government officials said representatives of the Defense, Justice and Homeland Security departments would visit a state prison in Standish. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the visit.

An Obama administration official said the visit was intended to gather information about the facility and no decisions had been made about where to move the detainees. Multiple options are being considered, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

DAN STAUDACHER/AP

The campus of the Standish Maximum Correctional Facility is seen in 2003.

The maximum-security prison about 145 miles northwest of Detroit and the military penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., are among the sites being considered to house the detainees if the prison in Cuba is closed by early 2010.

Public pressure is mounting to do something to save the Standish prison, the region's largest employer. Arenac County's unemployment rate already is 17.3 percent.

TIM MARTIN (AP)

NEW YORK | PROGRESS AT GROUND ZERO

SETH WENIG/AP

BEAM UP: A 70-ton perimeter column for the One World Trade Center project is lowered into place at Ground Zero on Wednesday. The jumbo column is the first of 24 that will form the central core of the building. The placement of the columns will allow workers to start constructing the floors of the tower.

World

In Brief

SUNDAY ALAMBA/AP

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speaks to reporters in Abuja, Nigeria.

ABUJA, NIGERIA

Clinton Encourages Nigeria To Fight Against Corruption

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Wednesday said corruption has undermined the legitimacy of Nigeria's government, and she urged the oil-rich nation to embrace broad political reform and ease sectarian tensions. In the Nigerian capital of Abuja, Clinton told an audience of civic activists that a culture of corruption has hobbled Nigeria's ability to grow as an economic power. (AP)

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, PAKISTAN

Clashes Between Taliban, Government Allies Kill 70

Fierce clashes between Taliban fighters and those loyal to a pro-government warlord killed at least 70 people Wednesday, intelligence officials said, a week after a CIA drone reportedly killed the top Taliban leader in Pakistan. The battles pitted militants against followers of tribal warlord Turkistan Bitani on the fringes of South Waziristan. (AP)

SUKHUMI, GEORGIA

Putin Pledges $500M In Aid to Abkhazia Region

Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin visited the separatist Georgian region of Abkhazia on Wednesday, promising to give nearly $500 million in military aid and shrugging off Georgian protests. Putin's visit came on the anniversary of the cease-fire in last year's war with Georgia, during which Russian troops and separatist forces ousted Georgian forces from Abkhazia and South Ossetia. (AP)

Marines Launch Assault on Taliban

Troops storm Afghan town in effort to oust militants from base

DAHANEH, AFGHANISTAN | Helicopter-borne U.S. Marines backed by Harrier jets stormed a Taliban-held town in southern Afghanistan before dawn Wednesday, the launch of a new operation to uproot Taliban fighters from a longtime base and provide security for next week's presidential election.

The troops exchanged heavy fire with insurgents, killing at least seven in an offensive they hoped would also cut Taliban supply lines and isolate their fighters.

Associated Press journalists traveling with the first wave said militants fired small arms, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades after helicopters dropped the troops over Taliban lines. Fighting lasted more than eight hours, as Harrier jets streaked overhead and dropped flares in a show of force.

The Taliban put up such fierce resistance that Marines said they suspected the militants knew the assault was coming.

Other Marines met heavy resistance as they fought to seize control of the mountains surrounding Dahaneh in the southern province of Helmand. Another convoy of Marines rolled into the town despite roadside bomb attacks and gunfire.

It was the first time NATO troops had entered Dahaneh, which has been under Taliban control for years.

U.S., NATO and Afghan troops are working to protect voting sites across the country so Afghans can take part in the country's second-ever direct presidential election on Aug. 20. Taliban militants have vowed to disrupt the elections.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Bryan Whitman said the operation was "going as planned." He would not say how long the current offensive will last.

Marines said they killed between seven and 10 militants in Wednesday's push and seized about 66 pounds of opium, which the militants use to finance their insurgency. ALFRED DE MONTESQUIOU (AP)

JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Marines take a position on a rooftop while fighting Taliban militants in the village of Dahaneh, Afghanistan, on Wednesday.

BOMB BLAST INJURES 2 AP JOURNALISTS

- Two Associated Press journalists were hurt in a bomb blast Tuesday in southern Afghanistan.
- Photographer Emilio Morenatti underwent an operation that resulted in the loss of a foot. Videographer Andi Jatmiko suffered leg injuries and broken ribs.
- The journalists were evacuated to Dubai on Wednesday. (AP)

Russia Seeks Ship That Vanished

Boat passed through the English Channel before disappearing

LONDON | First the ship reported it had been attacked in waters off Sweden. Then it sailed with no apparent problems through one of the world's busiest shipping lanes. And then it disappeared.

The Arctic Sea, a Maltese-flagged cargo ship, was supposed to make port in Algeria with its cargo of timber on Aug. 4. More than a week later, there's no sign of the ship or its Russian crew.

Piracy has exploded off the coast of lawless Somalia — but could this be an almost unheard-of case of sea banditry in European waters?

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev ordered the country's defense minister on Wednesday to take "all necessary measures" to find the missing ship, the Kremlin said.

The mystery began on July 24, when the 15 crew members of the Arctic Sea said they were tied up and beaten by up to 10 men who boarded the ship off the Swedish coast. The masked men identified themselves as police — but Swedish police said they hadn't been searching ships in that area.

On July 28, the Arctic Sea made contact with British authorities as it passed through the busy English Channel. Where the ship was next spotted is uncertain. Russian media reports say the last contact was on July 30 when the ship was in the Bay of Biscay and that it was later seen by a Portuguese patrol plane.

But Portuguese Navy spokesman Commander Joao Barbosa said, "We can guarantee that the ship is not in Portuguese waters, nor did it ever pass through Portuguese waters." JENNIFER QUINN (AP)

PEKKA LAAKSO/LEHTIKUVA/AP

The cargo ship Arctic Sea, shown in '08, has been missing for more than a week.

World

WTO Backs U.S. in Trade Battle

Decision could open Chinese markets for American producers

GENEVA | The World Trade Organization backed the United States Wednesday in a major trade battle with China, issuing a ruling that could ease tight controls and open markets for U.S. makers of everything from DVDs to books and music downloads.

The decision came down decisively against Beijing's policy of forcing American media producers to route their business through state-owned companies. It will not yield immediate revenues in Hollywood or Silicon Valley, and it may take sanctions — or the threat of them — to force China to ease access for U.S. companies to the world's largest marketplace.

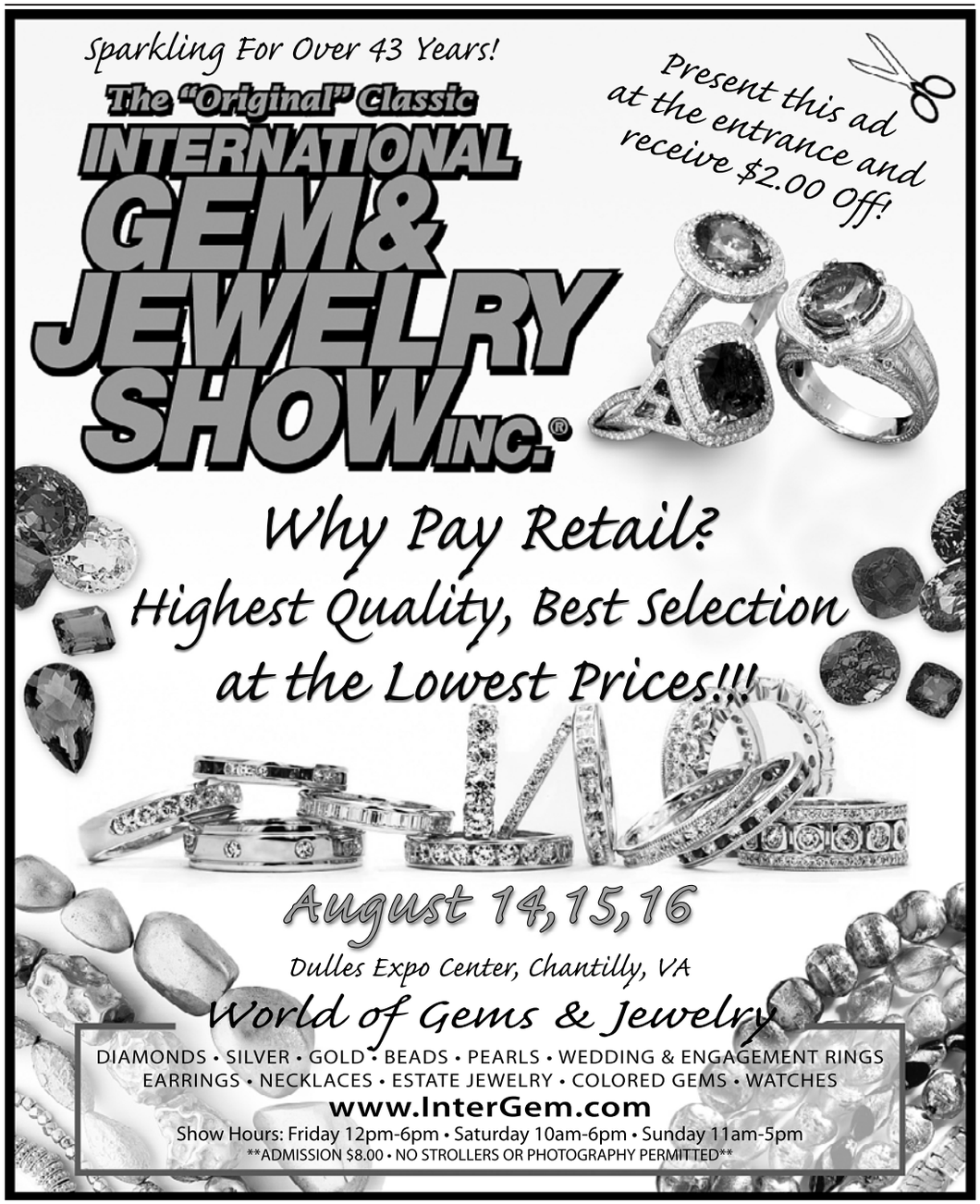
Still, U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk said the decision will help "level the playing field for American companies working to distribute high-quality entertainment products in China."

The case may have a global impact as it sets a precedent for how China may manage foreign manufacturers.

"To me, that is a clear win," he said. "We believe that this report will help pave the way toward more open trade between China and America."

The country's rigid restrictions have been a key gripe of Western powers, who have complained that China's rapid rise as a trade power has been in part aided by unfair policies that boost sales of Chinese goods abroad while limiting the amount of foreign products entering its own market.

The Associated Press reported the main findings of the then-confidential ruling last month, but the public release of the 464-page document on Wednesday revealed dozens of smaller decisions that support the complaints of trade associations representing record labels such as EMI and Sony Music Entertainment; publishers including McGraw Hill and Simon & Schuster; and the Hollywood studios of Warner Bros., Disney, Paramount, Universal and 20th Century Fox. BRADLEY S. KLAPPER (AP)



The 'Burquini' Makes Waves at Paris Pool

French officials ban Muslim woman over head-to-toe swimsuit

PARIS | A Muslim woman who tried to go swimming in a head-to-toe "burquini" has been banned from her local pool in the latest tussle between religious practices and secular authority in France.

Officials on Wednesday insisted they banned the woman's use of the Islam-friendly swimsuit because of France's unusually strict hygiene standards in pools — not because of official hostility to wearing overtly Muslim garb.

Under the policy, swimmers are prevented from wearing any street-compatible or baggy clothing, such as Bermuda shorts, in favor of figure-hugging suits.

The woman, a 35-year-old convert to Islam identified only as Carole, complained of religious discrimination after trying to go swimming in her burquini in the Paris suburb of Emerainville.

CHRIS CARLSON/AP

A French woman was banned from a pool for wearing a "burquini" swimsuit.

"For me, this is nothing but segregation," she was quoted as telling Le Parisien newspaper.

The issue of religious attire is a hot topic in France, where head-to-toe burqas or other full-body coverings worn by Muslim fundamentalists are in official disfavor.

French lawmakers recently proposed a ban on the burqa and other voluminous Muslim attire. President Nicolas Sarkozy backs the move, saying such clothing makes women prisoners. MARIA DANILOVA (AP)

LUCK **Everybody Wins** An Italian businessman who won $1.36 million in the lottery fulfilled his vow to share a third of his jackpot with his employees, Agence France-Presse said. Marco Colombo, 38, bought his ticket last Saturday, telling his five workers, "If I win, we'll share it." He gave each employee $99,000.

U.S., Swiss Bank UBS Strike Deal

IRS sued Swiss bank for list of U.S. clients with secret accounts

MIAMI | The Swiss and U.S. governments announced a deal Wednesday to settle American demands for the identities of suspected tax dodgers, despite Switzerland's vaunted bank secrecy. But they kept all details under wraps, including how many of the 52,000 names sought by the IRS from UBS AG will be revealed.

Depending on the scale of the deal, it could be a new blow to Switzerland's reputation as a safe place to hide assets from the tax man back home.

NICHOLAS RATZENBOECK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Switzerland's banking industry holds an estimated $2 trillion of foreign money.

William Sharp, a Florida tax lawyer who represents American UBS clients, said he expects the agreement to allow Swiss authorities to interpret bank secrecy laws more broadly and allow a "substantial handover" of names.

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The total amount of money the IRS thinks 52,000 Americans are hiding from the U.S. government in bank accounts at Switzerland's UBS bank.

The IRS in February asked U.S. District Judge Alan S. Gold in Miami to force UBS to turn over the names of about 52,000 American clients thought to be hiding nearly $15 billion in assets in secret accounts. UBS and the Swiss government had resisted, arguing that to do so would violate Swiss confidentiality laws.

The Swiss and U.S. governments said in July they had agreed in principle on major issues but released no details. On Wednesday, lawyers for the U.S. and UBS said they had sealed the deal.

IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said the deal "protects the United States government's interests." Shulman's two-sentence statement added only that more details will be released when the Swiss government signs the agreement as early as next week.

Swiss banks hold an estimated $2 trillion of foreign money, and financial services add about 12 percent of GDP to the national economy. According to the Boston Consulting Group, those holdings amount to one-fourth of the world's foreign-owned assets.

JESSICA GRESKO (AP)

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Money

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A port worker walks next to a shipping yard at the Port of Oakland in California.

Producers In U.S. See A Rebound

Increase in exports is a positive sign for ailing manufacturers

WASHINGTON | The U.S. trade deficit edged up in June as imports rose for the first time in 11 months and exports rose for the second-straight month, confirming that the global recession is easing its grip.

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The percentage increase in exports from the U.S. in June, for total sales of $125.8 billion.

The first back-to-back gains for exports in a year were especially good news for America's manufacturing sector. Those companies benefited from larger shipments of semiconductors, aircraft and telecommunications equipment.

The Commerce Department said the deficit rose 4 percent to $27 billion, from May's $26 billion. The May imbalance had been the lowest deficit in nearly a decade.

The gains in exports, and an even larger increase in imports, contributed to signs that the recession is ending. But analysts said a recovery likely will widen the trade gap. In part, that's because a rebounding U.S. economy is projected to grow faster than the global economy. MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Army Corps Finds WWI Chemical, Halts Dig in NW

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is halting its search for World War I-era chemical weapons in a Washington, D.C., neighborhood after workers found an open glass flask containing traces of the chemical agent mustard. The discovery was made last week at a vacant home behind American University, where chemical weapons were developed and tested during World War I. (AP)

LINDA DAVIDSON / TWP

Police say Kozak shot her husband at their apartment above this tattoo parlor.

WASHINGTON

Police: Tattoo Artist Shot Husband to Death in SE

The co-owner of a Southeast tattoo parlor has been charged with fatally shooting her husband in the head and back. Kristin Kozak, 36, known in the tattoo world as Liquidity Jones, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of 56-year-old Michael Burnett. Police say Kozak told officers that Burnett was not armed or trying to attack her when she shot him. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Madison Square Garden Mulls D.C. Concert Hall

Madison Square Garden LP, owner of the New York entertainment arena and other holdings, including the Rockettes and the New York Knicks, is scouting sites in the District where it could build a 6,000-seat concert hall, city sources confirmed Wednesday. The inquiry was first reported by the Washington Business Journal.

LISA REIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Man Struck, Killed by Metro Train

Agency rules death at West Falls Church intentional suicide

A man was struck and killed Wednesday morning by a train entering the West Falls Church-VT/UVA station, Metro said Wednesday.

According to a Metro statement, the man "was on the tracks intentionally as the train pulled into the station" at 11:18 a.m. The six-car train was headed in the direction of New Carrollton, the statement said.

Metro spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein said this is the third time a rider has intentionally been on the tracks since June 22, when a crash on the Red Line killed nine and injured 80. The apparent suicide was another difficulty for Metro, which is under heightened scrutiny after the June crash and a series of incidents this summer.

Corine Hagan, who lives in Haymarket, was on the first car of the train that struck the man Wednesday. She said the train was about 500 feet from the end of the platform when she heard a loud thud and the train stopped immediately. "You just never hear anything like that," she said. "It sounded like a large bird hitting the train."

Regular service at the station resumed at 2 p.m., Metro said. JAMES HOHMANN, GREG GAUDIO AND ADAM GRIFFITHS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

GERALD MARTINEAU/TWP

Metro officials inspect the track area where an alleged suicide took place.

Reverse Track: NTSB revises statement that March switch failure information was withheld by transit agency | **washingtonpost.com/metro**

WASHINGTON | BIKE TRANSIT CENTER NEARS COMPLETION

BILL O'LEARY/TWP

RACK TO THE FUTURE: Construction continues on a new high-tech bicycle station being built outside Union Station Wednesday. The structure, set to open in October, will include 150 enclosed and 20 outdoor racks. The 1,700-square-foot facility will have changing rooms, personal lockers, a bike repair shop and retail store. Access will cost $1 per day.

Prices Cut At Area Safeways

Grocery store hopes to lure increasingly frugal local shoppers

Safeway has lowered prices on thousands of items at its stores in the Washington region as the supermarket chain adjusts to shoppers' increasingly frugal mind-sets.

The grocer, the second largest in the region, is slated to announce the initiative Wednesday with banners and signs throughout its stores. The price cuts primarily are targeted at staples sold in the center of each store, such as paper products, laundry supplies and coffee, and the reductions run as high as 25 percent.

"In this economy, what the customers are telling us is that we need more value," said Steve Neibergall, Eastern division president.

Safeway is not the only grocer lowering prices. Giant Food undertook a similar initiative in 2006. Even Whole Foods has cut prices on key items. YLAN Q. MUI (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

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METRO TRACK WORK AROUND FORT TOTTEN TO CAUSE DELAYS ON THE RED LINE THROUGH AUGUST

Through August, Metro crews will be working on the Red Line track near Fort Totten station. To safely perform this work, trains will share one track between Takoma and Fort Totten stations every night starting at 10 p.m. This may add time to your trip.

During the weekends of August 14-16 and 21-23, we must also perform more extensive work. This work requires that we suspend all service on the Red Line between Takoma and Brookland-CUA stations. This portion of the Red Line will close at 10 p.m. on Friday and reopen at 5 a.m. on Monday.

Metrobus will operate free shuttle buses between Takoma and Brookland-CUA stations (stopping at Fort Totten station) and nonstop between Union Station (Columbus Circle) and Takoma throughout these two weekends. However, you may want to use a regular Metrobus route instead of Metrorail to take you to and from downtown:

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Metrobuses from Takoma:

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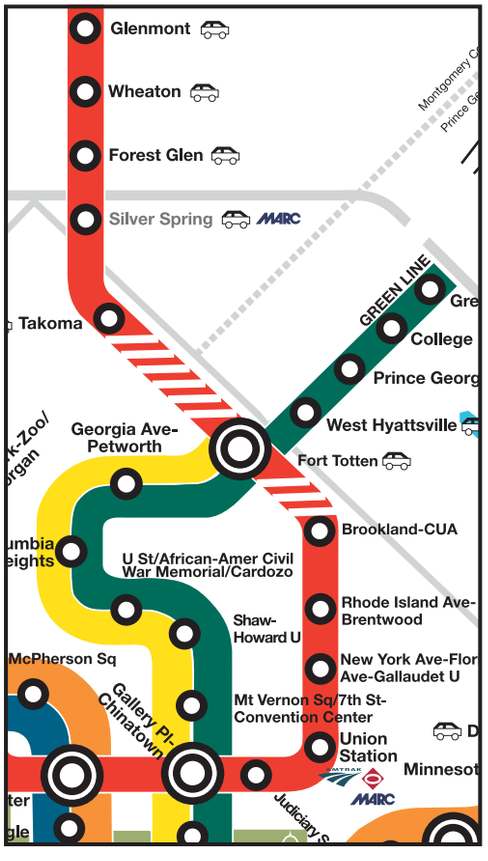

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Once again, thank you.

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Healthy Concerns for Redskins

Second-year receivers begin quest to prove they can make plays

REDSKINS | It's tough to be the new guy. You have to sit through orientation, go for doughnuts and learn to run the perfect hitch route.

While most people don't have the third problem, Redskins receivers Devin Thomas and Malcolm Kelly spent their rookie seasons in a sort of purgatory where they were either too hurt to get on the field or too mistake-prone when they suited up.

> "They have to play in ballgames. They need a lot of work."
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> —REDSKINS COACH JIM ZORN ON DEVIN THOMAS AND MALCOLM KELLY

Entering last season, it was assumed Thomas and Kelly would play significant roles in Jim Zorn's West Coast offense makeover. The big receivers — along with tight end Fred Davis — were all chosen in the second round of the 2008 draft as supplements to the big-play ability of former Pro Bowler Santana Moss. But Thomas struggled with the offense and caught just 15 passes. Meanwhile, Kelly was hampered by an assortment of leg injuries and played just five games, catching only three balls.

Now, with an open competition for a starting spot alongside Moss, the sophomore duo are hoping to erase thoughts of their rough rookie campaign.

That starts with playing well enough to stay on the field Thursday during the preseason opener against the Ravens in Baltimore.

"I'm very anxious [to see what they do]," quarterback Jason Campbell told reporters. "You want to see how far they have come along in a game situation."

If anyone stands to benefit from Thomas and Kelly's rebound, it's Campbell. The quarterback captained an offense that couldn't score in the second half of the season, mostly due to too few open targets.

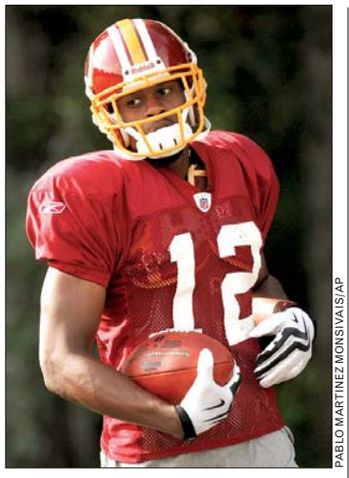
For his part, Thomas spent the last several months trying to mold himself into a legitimate NFL receiver. "Coming out of college, I was a little raw with [route running]," said Thomas, who missed practice earlier this week because of a hamstring problem. "So, I used last year and this off-season to [improve] my routes."

While Thomas is more the burner, Kelly is more the big target. At 6-foot-4, the former Oklahoma receiver should, theoretically, thrive in an offense that uses short passes to move down the field. And while he's also had a hamstring problem in camp, Kelly should be on the field Thursday night.

Whether he and Thomas will be able to stay there remains to be seen. "They have to play in ballgames," Zorn said. "They need a lot of work." ERIC BRANDNER

JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

Devin Thomas, a standout receiver at Michigan State, said he worked on his route-running ability during this past off-season.


PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

Malcolm Kelly has the size to thrive in Jim Zorn's offense if he stays healthy.

WHAT BRAGGING RIGHTS?

If you're hyped for the Redskins' trip to Baltimore, take a deep breath. Don't expect to see many of the team's star players on Thursday. Here's what you can expect.

→ No Clinton Portis. No Albert Haynesworth. And, apparently, a very loose game plan. "There's some [game plan], but not much," Campbell said. "You use these games to get you back in the flow and back into the rhythm of playing; getting ready for the regular-season games." So much for going all out to defeat those rivals from just up Interstate 95.

HARAZ N. GHANBARI/AP

Fabricio Oberto flashes his smile during a press conference on Wednesday.

Wiz Add Big Piece To Puzzle

Former Spurs center brings experience, size to a revamped roster

WIZARDS | Fabricio Oberto had just completed his introduction with the Washington Wizards when he lifted his No. 21 jersey for a photograph. Ernie Grunfeld asked reporters whether any of them knew how to pronounce his name. After one got it right, Oberto smiled, flashing a shiny silver tooth, and asked in a thick Spanish accent, "What about my full name?"

Oberto then turned to Grunfeld and smoothly said his name: "Fabricio Raul Jesus Oberto." Wizards coach Flip Saunders then joked, "I just call him Fab."

No matter what name Oberto goes by, Grunfeld called the 6-foot-10, 245-pound big man the final piece to an off-season puzzle that has involved the hiring of a new coach and a trade for two proven veterans (Randy Foye and Mike Miller).

Even with the development of young big men such as Andray Blatche and JaVale McGee, the Wizards still felt the need to add a veteran with championship experience. Oberto provides both, having won a title with the San Antonio Spurs in 2007 and a gold medal with Argentina at the 2004 Olympics.

MICHAEL LEE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

CURSE OF LES BOULEZ **Tempting Fate?** New Washington Wizards coach Flip Saunders reported Gilbert Arenas looks fast on the court. Saunders traveled to Chicago last week and watched Arenas work out and play. Saunders says Arenas' surgically repaired left leg is about four times as strong as it was pre-surgery. Said Saunders: "His quickness is back. If you walked into the gym, you wouldn't know he was hurt." Team president Ernie Grunfeld said he expects Arenas to be ready for game one this season. (AP)

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Sports

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Louisville basketball coach Rick Pitino told police he paid a woman $3,000 to help her get medical coverage. It was alleged that he paid for her to have an abortion.

Louisville's Pitino Caught in Scandal

New details emerge in case stemming from restaurant tryst

LOUISVILLE, KY. | The woman accused of trying to extort Louisville men's basketball coach Rick Pitino approached him in a restaurant six years ago, and the two had sex at a table after closing time, the coach told police.

Two weeks later, the married father of five gave Karen Sypher $3,000 after she said she needed an abortion and didn't have health insurance, according to a summary of Pitino's July 12 statement to police. His attorney said Wednesday that the money was to help her get medical coverage, not specifically to pay for an abortion.

University of Louisville President James Ramsey expressed surprise at the new details in the scandal surrounding the coach, a staunch Roman Catholic whose contract includes dishonesty and "moral depravity" as grounds for firing.

Sypher said Pitino forced himself on her. But the 56-year-old coach denied her allegations that he raped her that night and again several weeks later, saying she came on to him.

Sypher, 49, has pleaded not guilty to federal charges of lying to the FBI and trying to extort $10 million from Pitino.

WILL GRAVES (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

REDSKINS (7:30 P.M. ON NBC4 AND CSN) If it's August, it must mean a preseason game between the Redskins and the Ravens.

NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN) Nationals-Reds games just don't seem the same after Jim Bowden was fired as Washington's general manager.

GOLF (2 P.M. ON TNT) Tiger Woods takes his last shot at a major victory this year at the PGA Championship.

NFL (8 P.M. ON ESPN) In a Super Bowl rematch, the Steelers host the Cardinals.

TENNIS (1 P.M. ON ESPN2) The round of 16 at the Rogers Cub in Montreal.

Sports

New Squad, Same Result for U.S.

Azteca losing streak continues in a testy World Cup qualifier

SOCCER | Substitute Miguel Sabah scored in the 82nd minute for Mexico to beat the United States 2-1 in a World Cup qualifier on Wednesday.

Mexico's third win in six matches in CONCACAF qualifying strengthened its chances of reaching next year's World Cup in South Africa.

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Sabah was alone in front of the net when he took a feed from Efrain Juarez and beat goalkeeper Tim Howard.

Mexico has won 23 of its 24 home matches against the U.S.

The Americans scored first at Estadio Azteca, thanks to a brilliant setup by Landon Donovan for Charlie Davies in the ninth minute.

Israel Castro tied it 10 minutes later with a wicked shot under the crossbar.

MIGUEL TOVAR/AP

Mexico's Israel Castro, top, celebrates after scoring in a World Cup qualifier against the U.S. at Estadio Azteca Wednesday.

That energized the crowd, which understood how damaging a home loss would be, particularly after Mexico won the Gold Cup last month using many of the same players. The U.S., however, changed almost the entire lineup that was routed 5-0 in that final.

Three American defenders — Oguchi Onyewu, Jay DeMerit and Carlos Bocanegra — drew yellow cards in a game that became increasingly physical. Onyewu carried a yellow into the match, meaning he will miss the next qualifier on Sept. 5 against El Salvador in Sandy, Utah. STEPHEN WADE (AP)

ROB CARR/AP

O's 2B Brian Roberts makes an out during Wednesday game against the A's.

A's Stay Red Hot With Series Win Over the Orioles

ORIOLES | Landon Powell homered in Oakland's four-run fourth inning, and the Athletics beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-3 on Wednesday to win a third-straight series for the first time since April 2008.

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Rookie Vin Mazzaro (4-8) allowed three runs, two earned, in 5 1/3 innings to post his second-consecutive win after an eight-game skid.

Cliff Pennington and Scott Hairston had three hits each for the last-place A's, who took two of three from Baltimore. After winning three of four from Texas and going 2-1 against Kansas City, Oakland has won three-straight series for the first time since April 2008. (AP)

NBA Planning Way Ahead The Clippers have acquired shooting guard Rasual Butler and cash from the New Orleans Hornets in exchange for a conditional second-round draft pick in 2016. Butler had the most productive season of his seven-year career in 2008-09, averaging 11.2 points and 3.3 rebounds. The move will save the Hornets about $3.9 million in opening opportunities for competition at guard between 2007 first-round pick Julian Wright, veteran Morris Peterson and rookie Marcus Thornton. (AP)

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Sports

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Stewart Cink's popularity has skyrocketed since he beat Tom Watson last month in the British Open. Cink said of his new fame, "I'm usually the under-the-radar guy."

Cink Just Another Fan Favorite Now

British Open champ gets newfound love at Haleztine before PGA

GOLF | The cheers for Tiger and Phil are a given, and Padraig Harrington gets his share of love. Follow Sergio Garcia, Anthony Kim or Camilo Villegas around a golf course, and there'll be plenty of shoutouts for them, too.

Stewart Cink? Not so much.

"I'm usually the under-the-radar guy in the group," Cink said. "I never hear 'Go, Stewart!' — unless someone chuckles after it."

Nobody's laughing now.

The PGA Championship begins Thursday at Hazeltine National, and Cink has become quite the popular guy since last month's win at the British Open, also known as the Tournament Tom Watson Almost Won. After being all but ignored in regulation at Turnberry, Cink got plenty of airtime last weekend at Bridgestone, where he finished in a tie for sixth.

And despite it only being Tuesday, he had a decent-sized gallery for his practice round at the PGA.

"The fan support has been probably the most surprising," Cink said. "There's a lot of comments from the crowd, a lot of support, a lot of congrats, and it's just a really good feeling. It actually instills even more confidence."

NANCY ARMOUR (AP)

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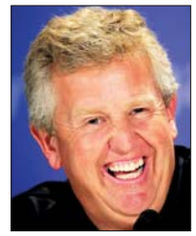

"That matter is now closed and I, personally, thought it was closed four and a half years ago. It is now, believe me."

—COLIN MONTGOMERIE

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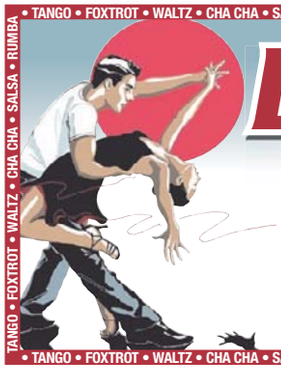

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Pizza and rock music bleeds American. Last year saw a steady stream of local and mid-level bands coming through the doors of owner James Alefantis' restaurant. Alefantis loves fostering music and community, but, without the booking help of Kalani Tifford and local label Gypsy Eyes Records, the eclectic shows — Thursday features songwriters John Bustine and Brandon Butler while Saturday has dance-mixers Beautiful Swimmers — might not be so common.

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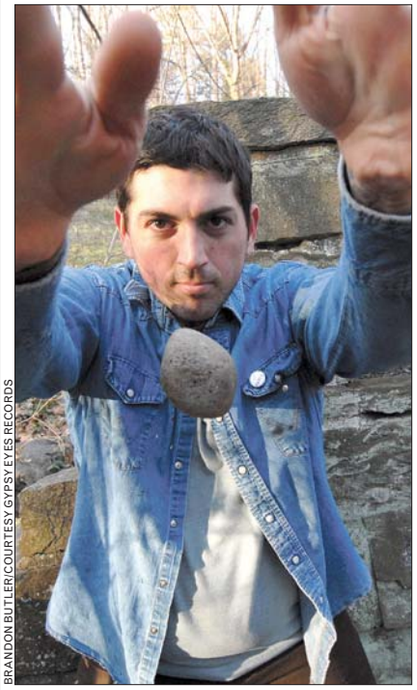
When you go to Comet, you're not going to a club; you're going to as close to a house party as you can without it being a house party.

NATHAN MARTIN (EXPRESS)



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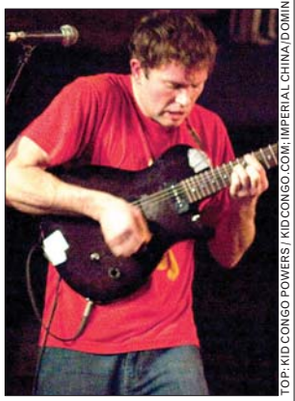

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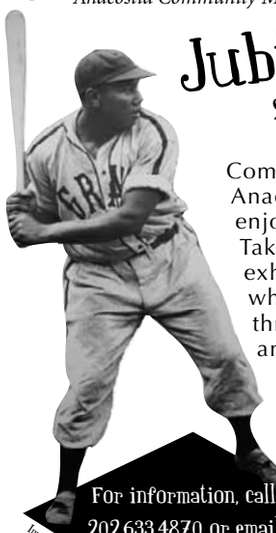

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The 'Neutrino Video Project' puts your plot in the spotlight

MUSIC | In this era, it seems as if everything from movies to people's daily habits has made the jump to digital. Tyler Korba, director and cameraman of the Washington Improv Theater's "Neutrino Video Project," is part of an ensemble that doesn't think improv should stay analog, either.

The Neutrino Video Project gives improvisation a digital facelift with a video twist. The show follows three teams, each with two actors, a runner and a cameraman. The teams use suggestions from the audience as inspiration before venturing outside to record a short movie that will be viewed by that same audience only minutes after it has been filmed.

"It's basically based on a long-form structure called 'the Harold' and follows three story lines that are about 30 minutes," said Korba.

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COURTESY WIT

Washington Improv Theater performers hit the streets to make a movie.

"The way we've broken it down is, you know you've got something like four minutes to shoot two minutes, and so on." said Korba. "You're constantly sort of battling between the time on your watch and the time code on your tape."

WIT didn't coin the idea — it originally came from a New York improv troupe, and the project still bears its name. But it's safe to say that WIT has taken the great idea and run with it. TOPHER FORHECZ

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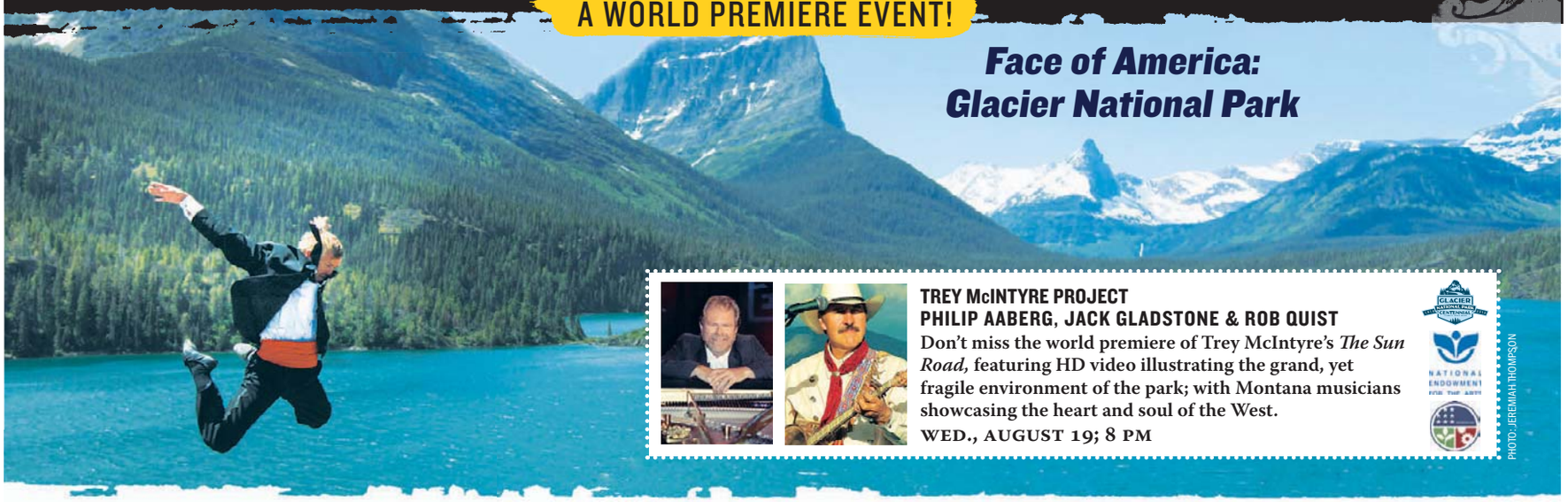

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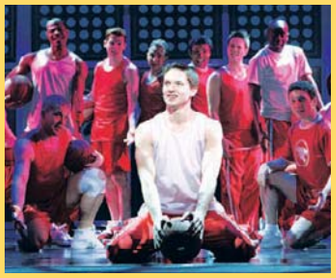

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The Lady Is a Tramp

Inspired by the Beats, Bat for Lashes singer Natasha Khan hits the American road

MUSIC | The Atlantic Ocean couldn't protect Natasha Khan from the call of the American highway.

The ghost-voiced sprite who performs as Bat for Lashes may have been born in Wembley, England, spent her childhood summers in Pakistan, and traveled around the world with a squash-playing father, but when the visual-artist/musician turned 20, the siren call of Sal Paradise proved too strong, and Natasha Khan met America.

"I came out on a pilgrimage," said Khan. "I was reading Jack Kerouac and the Beat stuff, and I was like a young teenage poetic child wanting to discover all that."

Three months, traveling from New York to San Francisco to Mexico, introduced Khan to the pavement of Route 1, but it hardly satisfied her love of the open road.

"England is so small you can drive from the bottom to the top in four days or something, and you don't get those vast landscapes and the whole pioneer culture of America," said Khan.

"America is all about traveling across frontiers and lands, and moving from one side to another ... and I think that's part of what's attracted me. ... There's this escapism and history; it's almost the history of America."

In the 29 years of Khan's life, this Roman candle of a British singer has rarely stopped moving — and it's hard to not pay attention. From the sparse and tentative swirls of her first release, 2006's "Fur and Gold," Khan displayed a flair for the theatrical — paint and feathers for live shows — dark, almost-tribal instrumentals and her haunting voice.

She might have a fascination with glamour, including 1920s female icons or 1980s New York drag queens, but Khan still wrestles with being thrust into the blog-drowning spotlight of one of indie rock's newest "it" girls.

"I just went down to the haberdashery shop," said Khan. "I bought myself a little string of glitter and I tried it out and put it on my head, and some headdresses and some feathers. ... Then, all of a sudden, everyone's like, 'Oh, my God; it's a style,' and I was like, 'Really? It only cost me 20 p,' and you don't know how that happened. ... There's this very bizarre sort of instant culture now."

DAVID SHERRY

Bat for Lashes, aka British singer-songwriter-musician Natasha Khan, makes atmospheric indie-rock edged in dark glamour.

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Critical buzz and a heavy touring schedule, including a string of dates with Radiohead, took Bat for Lashes around the world, and with 2009's "Two Suns," Khan has released a lush, if slightly underwhelming, album, full of quavering electronics, echo-filled vocals and almost-danceable beats, sound-tracking a night-driving story that might have come from Kerouac's original scroll.

"It's kind of a document of my two or three years, moving between England and New York and going to the Joshua Tree desert and Big Sur quite a lot," said Khan.

"I very much perpetuated my own fantasies by coming here and really living them, and the more and more I come back, the more I realize it's not like that, and that's what the album is partially about — the disappointment I felt when I moved to New York and I was expecting to meet these strange, amazing, subterranean characters and weird people."

Burned out on "Bedford Avenue, hipster and trust fund kids," Khan invented an artistic alter ego named Pearl — a blond lover of the late night who could have stepped out of one of the Woody Allen-directed or Faye Dunaway-starring films Khan said she felt she had walked into when she first came to New York.

"Pearl functioned better in a place like New York," said Khan. "She was darker and more nighttime and she was all about delusion, and escapism and fantasy and getting obliterated. ... Pearl is me trying to understand that aspect of when life is too gritty, you can delve into this escapist fantasy, and then me, I suppose I'm the voice of reason. ... I'm the voice pulling me back from the darkness."

Those dark stories are given a slightly enhanced life on Saturday as the singer's love for visual art and decoration will turn the 9:30 Club into a relic-strewn sanctuary and invitation to come along for one more journey.

"When we play live there is no bull[expletive]," said Khan. "There's a sort of sanctity about it. Whenever I sing, I try to ... initiate everyone into that space, and I want them to feel as though they are being transported on a journey."

NATHAN MARTIN (EXPRESS)

→ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sat., 8 p.m., $15, 800-955-5566, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

The Claws That Refresh

Auteur of violence Park Chan-wook directs a vampire flick with real soul

FILM | Park Chan-wook's "Thirst" is the headiest vampire movie you'll see all year. Based loosely — very, very loosely — on "Theresa Raquin," Emile Zola's bleak depiction of marriage and moral meltdown, the movie casts bloodsuckers as potent symbols of errant desire and spiritual compromise, following a Korean priest who has a crisis of faith in the form of fangs.

When he made his first two movies in the early 1990s, Park was better known as a film critic than as a filmmaker, but in 2000, "J.S.A." made him a celebrity in Korea and his ambitious Vengeance Trilogy — including 2003's stunning "Oldboy" — gained international acclaim.

FOCUS FEATURES

Kim Ok-vin plays a young wife who is liberated by a transformation into one of the blood-sucking undead in the film "Thirst."

In a vampire-saturated market, "Thirst" stands out for the gravity of its themes as much as for the bravado of its performances. Park favorite Song Kang-ho returns as the lead, marking their fourth collaboration. The biggest movie star in Korea, he mixes the pensive with the physical, wearing his inner conflict like a monk's robe even as he alternately indulges in sin and self-flagellation.

But as actor and character, he's no match for Kim Ok-vin, the young actress who plays the object of his desires. Best known as a beauty pageant winner, she bites down hard on her scenes as the put-upon young wife who attracts the priest's sympathies and desires. When she finally becomes a vampire, the impish glee in her physical demeanor becomes the movie's liveliest and most special effect.

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So the ideas flow as thick and dark as blood from a bitten jugular, but "Thirst" is not only smart, but fun, full of surreal humor and the kind of kinetic cinematic gimcrackery that marks all of Park's films.

STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

➜ *Landmark E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; opens Fri.; 202-452-7672. (Metro Center)*

Dirt's Tones and Tales

Margaret Boozer's installation draws nuance out of clay

GALLERY | Visiting the Katzen Arts Center at American University, one would not expect to see 12,000 pounds of clay lying on the floor. But that's exactly what's at the museum through Sun., part of Margaret Boozer's exhibition "Dirt Drawings."

Boozer shows the personality of clay beyond standard ceramic forms. She spent two weeks bringing in materials from Perryville, Md., in shades of milky pink, lavender and yellow. She's arranged her finds on the museum's polished concrete floor in piled rocky fragments or raked powdery matter.

MARGARET BOOZER/COURTESY KATZEN ARTS CENTER

Artist Margaret Boozer's "Dirt Drawings" create landscapes on a gallery floor.

Particular works even show growth, such as a circular form that was initially poured as a wet pool (as evidenced by the splattering on the wall). It has since dried, revealing deep ravines that offer more the feel of a geological phenomenon than a finished exhibition.

"Usually, a museum is designed to take care of objects rather than foster their growth and evolution," says Katzen director and curator Jack Rasmussen. "This show is about the artistic process, instead of rows of pots."

The exhibition is also about natural formations, industrial sites and other clay sources where Boozer finds inspiration. That much is clear in the mix of organic and deliberate patterning of her forms.

Though she shapes each structure, Boozer also lets go, allowing the clay to show its true, almost painterly colors. And when the show's over, she's invited other artists to take away the clay for their own purposes. The only requirement: Send her a picture of what they make for her records of the clay's rebirth. DANIELLE O'STEEN

➜ *Katzen Arts Center, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; through Sun.; 202-885-1300, american.edu.*

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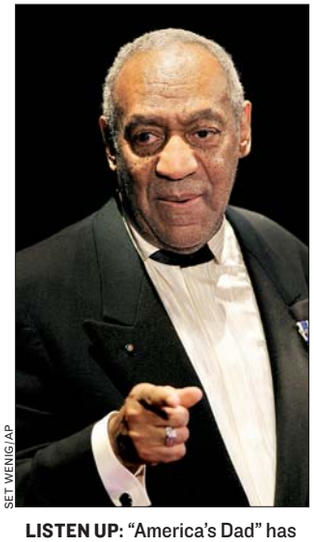

SET WENIG/AP

LISTEN UP: "America's Dad" has seen our messy room, and he's not happy. Outspoken comedian, actor and social critic Bill Cosby brings sharp jokes and pointed observations to Wolf Trap on Thursday.

Cabaret for The Arena

Singer April Smith's retro style works for her own show tunes and TV's Showtime

MUSIC | Even if she hadn't called her band the Great Picture Show or written a song called "Wow and Flutter," you'd know April Smith is an analog kind of gal. Her sea shanty, "Colors," starts with a marching-band drum, then gradually adds banjo, kazoo, accordion and what sounds like a ship's bell.

"Actually, it's a saucepan in the key of D," she notes.

Bell or pan, Perez Hilton called the cacophony catchy enough to be on "Grey's Anatomy" or an iPod commercial, which would suit the label-less Smith fine: "It's definitely not selling out; it's just selling. If you're a making a living at music that's what you have to do."

That also means asking fans to contribute $10,000 toward the next album, which will include "Colors" and the dark-humored, showtune-cadenced "Terrible Things." With a haunted-house organ intro and lyrics like, "I just reflect what you'd expect, so you don't suspect," "Things" was inspired by Showtime's "Dexter." ("My dream would be to use it in a season promo," she gushes.)

Smith goes for a campy, vampy vibe on "Wow and Flutter," and when she promises to "lay you down, spin you round and play you like a record," you can almost picture her strolling into the audience and grabbing a gentleman's tie.

"It's a cabaret song," she explains, adding that, "it's about being put through the mill" by a record label. To be fair, the Picture Show did play last week's Lollapalooza — as the very first act.

That isn't bad for a self-described "girl who goes through life with her skirt tucked into her underwear" and who loves the Andrews Sisters, Edith Piaf and "great early 1900s pop music, like Artie Shaw and Fats Waller."

COURTESY PARADIGM MUSIC

April Smith's dog, Scout, plays nice — and looks a little like the famous RCA dog.

April Smith goes for a campy, vampy cabaret vibe, but she did just play Lollapalooza.

Given her retro image, you might figure her press photo is an homage to RCA's old "His Master's Voice" logo. "That's my dog, Scout, who's kind of the unofficial band mascot. But it wasn't intentional — whenever she's in a video or photo shoot, she always does the cute poses." PAUL STELTER

➜ *The Red and the Black, 1212 H St. NE; with Aunt Martha, Thu., 9 pm, $6; 202-399-3201, redandblackbar.com.*

Rock the Gallery Wall

Flashpoint Gallery asks artists to be inspired by hip-hop

GALLERY | Walk into the Gallery at Flashpoint and you might expect to hear music. That's because hip-hop has taken over the space as the muse for 16 artists for the show "M3: MCs, Mics and Metaphors," through Aug. 29.

Artist Tewodross Melchishua curated the exhibition, and he asked his participants for one thing: to find inspiration for their work from a verse, a song or a specific MC. So there are portraits of major figures in hip-hop history like Afrika Bambaataa (by Ribqah) and A Tribe Called Quest (by Jeff McCauley), and stark action photographs of rappers like Jean Grae onstage (by Jati Lindsay).

JATI LINDSAY/COURTESY FLASHPOINT

Rapper Jean Grae spits rhymes as fans look on in Jati Lindsay's photograph.

Other media present a looser interpretation, such as an anime-style short film by Jabari Hall-Smith on the conquests of a superhero, set to his own music; white cotton pulp casts of MC objects by Ann "Sole Sister" Johnson that feel like lost artifacts; and a khaki jacket designed by Carmen Webber (of "Project Runway") with a silk-screened image of Big Daddy Kane (by artist Brian Paupaw) on the back.

The show has a little bit for everyone, following Melchishua's ambition to offer a "visual conversation." He adds: "This whole idea of hip-hop and lyricism is about dialogue, either between generations or between artists. I wanted to create this circle where the works are speaking to one another." DANIELLE O'STEEN

➜ *Gallery at Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; through Aug. 29; 202-315-1305; flashpointdc.org.*

LEGENDS | ROCK SOLID

SAM JONES

PEAK OF HER POWERS: What can't Bonnie Raitt do? She's a great country-rock guitarist, a bluesy singer and an icon who inspires young women to get their rock on. Catch the magic at Wolf Trap on Sunday.

KAYT JONES

The Dublin-born R&B singer Laura Izibor made an early impression on the music world — she began recording at 17 years old.

Modern Maturity

Singer-songwriter Laura Izibor's cool neo-R&B is full of precocious moments

MUSIC | For someone who's only 22, Laura Izibor has plenty of poise. That self-confidence also comes through on her remarkable debut disc, "Let the Truth Be Told" (Atlantic). Everything about the recording hints at classic R&B, particularly Izibor's big voice and hooky melodies.

The Dublin-born singer-songwriter is the heart of her own project, a rarity amid so many contemporary R&B discs gunked up by high-profile guest stars.

"I wanted my first record to be an intimate introduction," she says. "I wanted people to come on board because of me, not because of who made me cool."

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The recording touches on romantic yearning and unrequited love, but Izibor brings a blend of youthful optimism and a maturity to songs such as "If Tonight Is My Night," "The Worst Is Over" and "Don't Stay."

"I like what ['Don't Stay'] stands for," she explains. "It's about one of those issues that recur in our lives: We get into these relationships with someone who doesn't feel the same or vice versa, and you reach that breaking point where you have to make a decision. You have to be really strong."

Izibor says that, growing up, she didn't think that she liked music, because so many of her peers listened to mainstream pop. Then she discovered Nina Simone, Donny Hathaway and Otis Redding, and the light went on. At 15, she won Ireland's prestigious "2FM Song Contest." Two years later, she began working on her debut album.

So far, she's garnered comparisons to Lauryn Hill and Alicia Keys, company Izibor is comfortable with. But be assured, "Anytime people come to my shows, they know that it's Laura Izibor. And that's the main thing." JOHN MURPH

→ *Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Sun., 7:30 p.m.; $25, 703-549-7500, birchmere.com.*

Hemphill Draws The Line

Boldness with color is the thread between two artists' works

MINGERING MIKE/HEMPHILL FINE ARTS

Mingering Mike's fake album covers explored black culture in Washington.

GALLERY | For its summer show, Hemphill Fine Arts put forth work by two very different artists — Judy Pfaff and Mingering Mike.

Where the two meet is in their attraction to color. The show opens with Pfaff's elaborately layered prints, dominated by bold reds and gold. The scenes are abstract, but wildlife and arboreal qualities come through, such as blackened branches silhouetted as if by moonlight.

Mingering Mike's archival prints, while also colorful, are more playful. The images are of the artist's (real name: Mike Stevens) most popular albums, which gained cultish notoriety when his work was "discovered" at a flea market in 2003 by two collectors. His almost-childish visual language isn't particularly challenging, but his obsessive treatment adds to the works' charm.

These albums give a "portrait of soul music of the 1970s as well as the African-American culture that grew up around it in Washington," says curator George Hemphill. A few new works are on display, including an album themed "Obamaman," depicting the president as a superhero. DANIELLE O'STEEN

→ *Hemphill Fine Arts, 1515 14th St. NW; through Sat.; 202-234-5601, hemphillfinearts.com.*

SMOOTH JAZZ | SLOW AND LOW

COURTESY CHAPMAN MANAGEMENT

MELLOW OUT: Acoustic guitarist Peter White and saxophonist Mindi Abair, above, keep things smoove at the Birchmere on Thursday. The pair inject rock, funk and soul into the tranquil realm of adult-contemporary jazz.

Indies&Arties

COURTESY THA WEB

Sea creatures are even cuter in IMAX.

Ocean Devotion

Under the Sea 3-D returns on Sunday. That means that ocean-lovers who didn't catch the breathtaking IMAX the first time around can get in on the ocean action this time around. The film, narrated by Jim Carrey, zooms in on dazzling sea creatures and allows viewers to feel as if they are exploring the ocean with their own set of scuba gear.

➜ AMC COLUMBIA 14 & IMAX, 10300 LITTLE PATUXENT PARKWAY, COLUMBIA, MD.; OPENS WED., AUG. 19; 888-262-4386, AMC THEATRES.COM.

The Great Outdoors

The annual Comcast Film Festival mixes it up this weekend. On Friday, beautiful piece of art Brad Pitt stars in the beautifully art-directed "Curious Case of Benjamin Button." On Saturday, Batman and the Joker battle it out in "The Dark Knight." And on Sunday, bring the little ones for the chop-socky animated charmer "Kung Fu Panda."

➜ STRATHMORE, 5301 TUCKERLAMN LANE, BETHESDA; FRI.-SU.N, 8:15 P.M., $5 FOR PARKING; 301-816-6958, FILMFESTNIH.ORG.

Teen Bands Rawk!

Teen dream girls Vanessa Hudgens and Aly Michalka star in the preteen-friendly "Bandslam," in which the new kid on the block brings together a disparate and disaffected group of teens to compete in a battle of the bands. Comedy, upbeat music and maybe even some hand-holding enusue.

➜ OPENS FRI.AT AREA THEATRES; BANDSLAM-MOVIE.COM.

Monsters of the Deep

Humans are the enemy of the sea's 'killing machines' in the upsetting 'Cove'

FILM | Sure, they're cute. They seem to be smiling all the time. And, yeah, they'll do tricks if you bribe them with herring (but who wouldn't?). But the intelligent, sensitive dolphin is a creature in grave danger in Japanese waters.

Former dolphin trainer Ric O'Barry (who worked on TV's "Flipper") took up the mission of saving as many of the mammals as he could. "The Cove," a documentary by Louis Psihoyos, follows O'Barry's efforts as he teams up with the Oceanic Preservation Society and some determined colleagues to stop the slaughter off Taiji, Japan.

O'Barry is known in the fishing village — and despised. His muckraking efforts threaten to slow or stop the multi-billion dollar industry from sources such as entertainment and a black market in mercury-tainted dolphin meat.

COURTESY LIONSGATE

Louis Psihoyos' documentary "The Cove" exposes Japanese dolphin hunting.

With so much at stake, what could have been a do-good doc designed to tweak the outrage of the sympathetic, turns into a nerve-wracking thriller. O'Barry and the crew are watched and tailed, and the film's heroes forced to get footage of the hunt by subterfuge. While it's tense and exciting, the real value of their work, with health ramifications for humans as well as more immediate ones for the dolphins, is never glossed over. Don't bring the kiddies: Witnessing the deaths of these creatures is more than many adults can bear.

Equal parts investigative journalism, eco-adventure and a call to arms, "The Cove" should not be missed by anyone who's ever opened a can of tuna or visited SeaWorld.

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➜ *E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; 202-452-7672. (Metro Center)*

➜ *Bethesda Row Cinema, 7235 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, 301-652-8754. (Bethesda)*

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 | G.I. Joe

This toy-based action movie is the loudest, flashiest, silliest and longest blockbuster in a summer full of them. OK, so it only feels like the longest. DAN KOIS

2 | Julie & Julia

As the film toggles between inspiring chef Julia Child and insipid blogger Julie Powell, it becomes painfully clear the two characters are hopelessly mismatched. ANN HORNOADAY

3 | G-Force

This is an aggressively stupid entry in the family-adventure genre from Jerry Bruckheimer. DAN KOIS

CORTESY PARAMOUNT

"G.I. Joe" is loud, fast, silly and long, but at least Sienna Miller is wearing this.

4 | Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

This might be the most enjoyable Harry Potter movie yet for people who don't particularly care about Harry Potter movies. DAN KOIS

5 | Funny People

The stand-up comedians who populate the film are funny ha-ha, but they're also funny strange, and Judd Apatow demonstrates both sides. ANN HORNADAY

6 | Ugly Truth

This delightful Mars-Venus skirmish, set in a TV newsroom and starring Katherine Heigl and Gerard Butler, is rom-com writ large and made new again. RUTH MCCANN

7 | A Perfect Getaway

The anxiety generated in this horror/slasher/great scenery flick is about people choosing between death and bad manners. JOHN ANDERSON

8 | Aliens in the Attic

Extraterrestrials invade; spunky Earthling kids fight back. This children-friendly film with an outer-space twist was not screened for review.

9 | (500) Days of Summer

Watching this satisfying meta-romance covers that well-trod romantic terrain so many of us have bungled through: real life. DESSON THOMSON

10 | Orphan

This depraved, worthless piece of filth is a high-gloss horror show about a couple who bring home a 9-year-old orphan, who turns out to be a homicidal psychopath. ANN HORNADAY

WeekendPass | Entertainment

2 American Graffiti

We'll be darned if Miss Pixie's emporium of chic hasn't become one of the hottest new venues in town for lectures, art stuff and gatherings. The latest fun to be had in the back room is "Lost and Found: 15 Years of the 2.D.K. LAB.," a display of graffiti art and street photography. Highlights include works by Cool "Disco" Dan, left, and Borf.

➜ *Miss Pixie's, 1626 14th St. NW; through Aug. 21, noon-7 p.m., Wed.-Sun., free; 202-232-8171, misspixies.com.*

3 Pass the Patchouli

Psychedelic grooves, and extended rock and reggae jams are Phish's specialty, and fans who come to see the hippie princes at the Merriweather Post Pavilion Saturday will not be disappointed. Endless noodling that expands your consciousness even as it hypnotizes you into spending $20 on a tie-dyed tour shirt? Check. Trey Anastasio behind the mic? Check. The show is sold out, but you can always hit the parking lot in search of a miracle, man.

➜ *Merriweather Post Pavilion, 10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md.; Sat.,7 p.m., $49.50; 202-397-7328, merriweathermusic.com.*

top stops WEEKEND

4 Rock Royalty

The Duke & the King pay a visit to Iota on Sunday as part of their U.S. tour. The relatively unknown U.K. band won't remain so for long: Simone Felice and Robert Chicken Burke's new album, "Nothing Gold Can Stay," is receiving raves. The heartfelt folk is mixed with a soulful country sound, and the lyrics are unusually sharp.

➜ *Iota Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Arlington; Sun., 8:30 p.m., $12; 703-522-8340, iotaclubandcafe.com.*

1 Darrow in His Own Defense

How mighty a lawyer was Clarence Darrow? Paul Morella explains it all as he stars in the one-man show "A Passion for Justice: An Encounter with Clarence Darrow" at Olney Theatre. The show, developed by Morella and American Century Theater artistic director Jack Marshall, uses the audience as a jury to demonstrate Darrow's crafty arguments and devotion to justice.

➜ *Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; through Sept. 6, $26-$49; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.*

5 M'Lady

It's pride and pinafores at Gadsby's Tavern on Saturday when the venerable site hosts the Jane Austen Ball. Wear your best 1790s-era duds and enjoy English country dancing. Live music, refreshments and civilized chat are part of the fun.

➜ *Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria; Sat., 8 p.m., $45 in advance, $50 at the door; 703-838-4242, oha.alexandriava.gov.*

COMPILED BY Express' Rue Khalsa and Arion Berger. Read more picks every day — and find out what's coming up this weekend — at **expressnightout.com/topstops.**

The Scene

Sound

➜ THURSDAY

Birchmere: Peter White, Mindi Abair, 7:30 p.m., $45.
Black Cat: Budos Band, Chopteeth, 8 p.m., $15.
Blues Alley: Cheikh Ndoye, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.
Comet Ping Pong: Brandon Butler, John Bustine, 8 p.m., $5.
DC9: Hammers of Misfortune, Ludicra, 9 p.m., $10.
Iota: The Walkaways with Tom McBride and the Whig Party, Naked Grace, 9 p.m., $10.
Jammin' Java: Erik Mongrain, Jimmy Robinson, 8 p.m., $10.
Kennedy Center, Millenium Stage: Christopher Linman, 6 p.m., free.
Music Center at Strathmore: Tribute to Woodstock's 40th Anniversary 7:30 p.m., $22.
The Red and the Black: Aunt Martha, April Smith and the Great Picture Show, 9 p.m., $6.
Rock and Roll Hotel: Trashcan Sinatras, Brookeville, the Treading Lemmings, 8:30 p.m., $15.
State Theatre: Rebirth Brass Band, Superland Stage Band, 7 p.m., $15.
Twins Jazz: Bruce Swaim Quartet, 9 p.m., $12.

➜ FRIDAY

9:30 Club: Robert Gordon, Slim Jim, Glen Matlock, 8 p.m., $20.
Birchmere: Jason Isbell, the 400 Unit, the Bridge, 7:30 p.m., $20.
Black Cat: Junior League Band, Jones Street Station, 9 p.m., $12.
Blues Alley: Arturo Sandoval, 8 & 10 p.m., $43.
Bohemian Caverns: Jeremy Pelt, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $22.
DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., $6.
Iota: Boxcar Collision, 9:30 p.m., $10.
Jammin' Java: Mid-Atlantic Band Battle Finals, 8 p.m., $10.
Jaxx: 94' Mentality, Frayz, Sensylla, VA Bangerz & 23rd Street, 8:30 p.m., $12.

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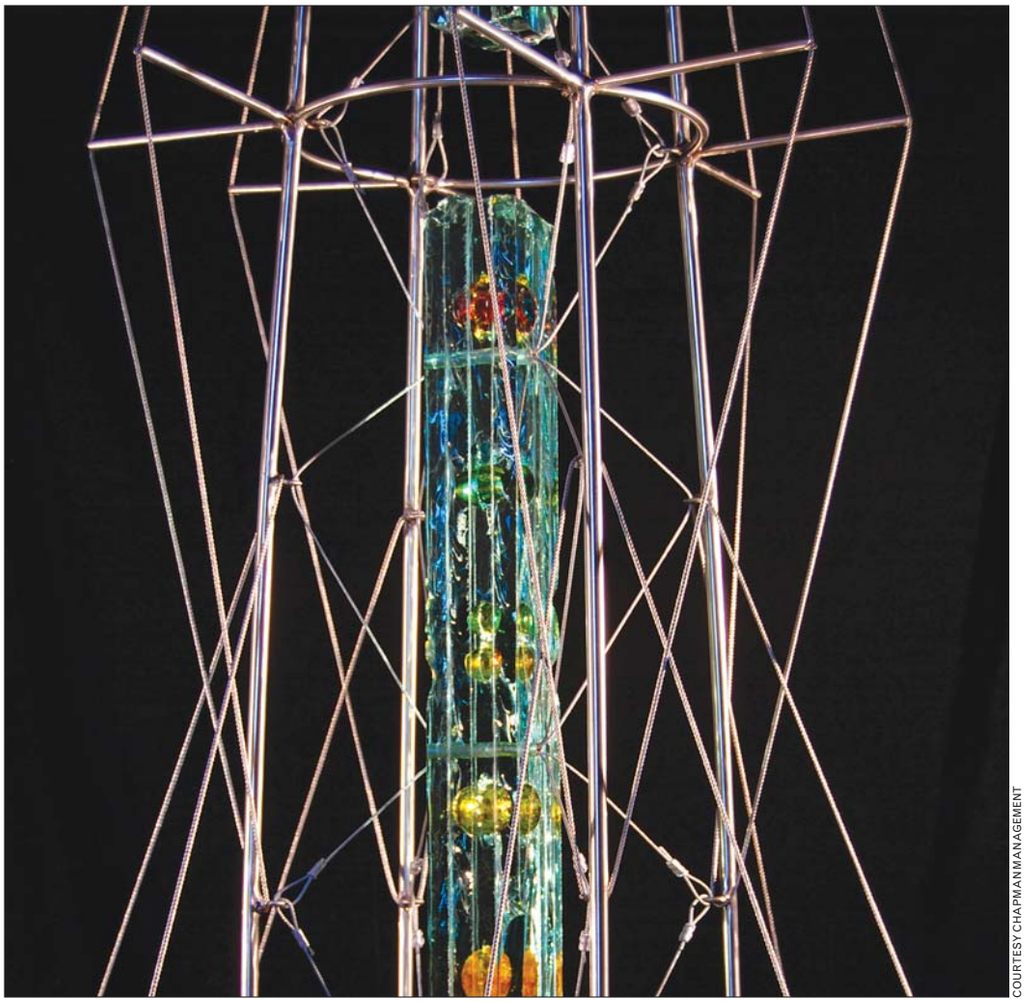

COURTESY CHAPMAN MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIFIED: The Washington Sculptors Group presents the work of Alan Binstock in "Sculpture 1275: Alan Binstock." The decidedly modern work has a harmonious feel that's somehow delicate while also radiating strength — must the the use of stone, glass and steel among the artist's materials of choice, and the way he holds it together architecturally.

venues

➜ **9:30 CLUB:** 815 V ST. NW; 202-265-0930, 930.COM.

➜ **BIRCHMERE:** 3701 MT. VERNON AVE., ALEXANDRIA; 703-549-7500, BIRCHMERE.COM.

➜ **BLACK CAT:** 1811 14TH ST. NW; 202-667-7960, BLACKCATDC.COM.

➜ **BLUES ALLEY:** 1073 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-337-4141, BLUES ALLEY.COM.

➜ **BOHEMIAN CAVERNS:** 2001 11TH ST. NW; 202-299-0800, BOHEMIANCAVERNS.COM.

➜ **COMET PING PONG:** 5037 CONNECTICUT AVE. NW; 202-364-0404, COMETPINGPONG.COM.

➜ **DC NINE:** 1940 9TH ST. NW; 202-483-5000, DCNINE.COM.

➜ **IOTA:** 2832 WILSON BLVD., ARLINGTON; 703-522-8340, IOTACLUBANDCAFE.COM.

➜ **JAMMIN' JAVA:** 227 MAPLE AVE. E., VIENNA, VA.; 703-255-1566, JAMMINJAVA.COM.

➜ **JAXX:** 6355 ROLLING ROAD, SPRINGFIELD, VA.; 703-569-5940, JAXXROXX.COM.

➜ **KENNEDY CENTER:** 2700 F ST. NW; 202-467-4600, KENNEDY-CENTER.ORG.

➜ **MERRIWEATHER POST PAVILION:** 10475 LITTLE PATUXENT PARKWAY, COLUMBIA, MD.; 800-551-7328, MERRIWEATHERMUSIC.COM.

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➜ **TWINS JAZZ:** 344 U ST. NW; 202-234-0072, TWINSJAZZ.COM.

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Rock and Roll Hotel: Title Tracks, Bellman Barker, Tereu Tereu, Casper Bangs, 9 p.m., $14.

Twins Jazz: Andrea Wood, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.

U.S. Capitol: U.S. Army Band, 8 p.m., free.

Velvet Lounge: Ultra Twist, Pipsqueek, Bad Sports, 9 p.m., $8.

Warner Theatre: The Pretenders, 7:30 p.m., $59.50.

Wolf Trap: Crosby, Stills and Nash, 8 p.m., $25-$45.

➜ SATURDAY

9:30 Club: Girls Rock, 10:30 a.m., $10 Bats for Lashes, Other Lives, 8 p.m., $15.

Birchmere: The Seldom Scene, Darren Beachley, Legends of the Potomac, 7:30 p.m., $25.

Black Cat: The Opposite Sex, Garland of Hours, 8 p.m., $8.

Blues Alley: Arturo Sandoval, 8 & 10 p.m., $43.

Bohemian Caverns: Jeremy Pelt, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $22.

Comet Ping Pong: Hieroglyphic Being, Steve Summers, Beautiful Swimmers, 8 p.m., free.

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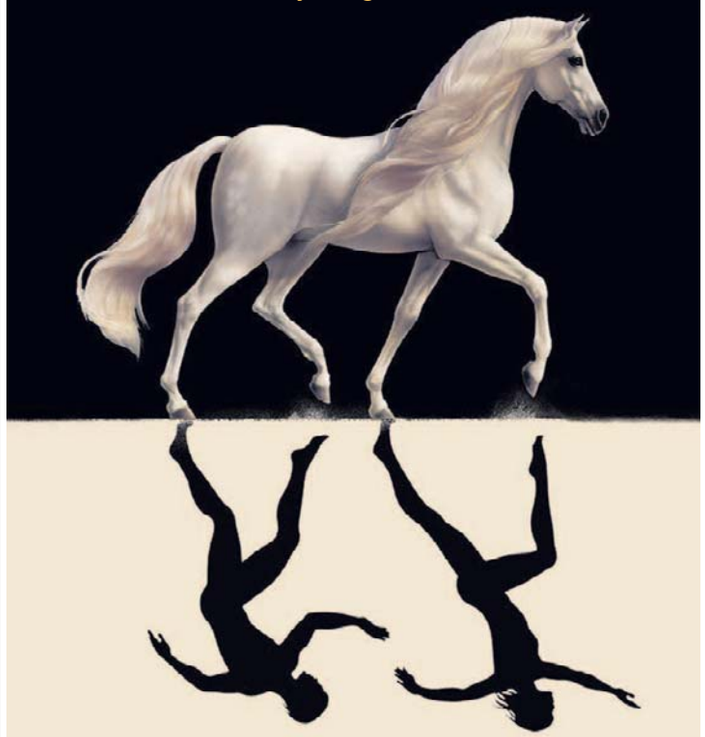
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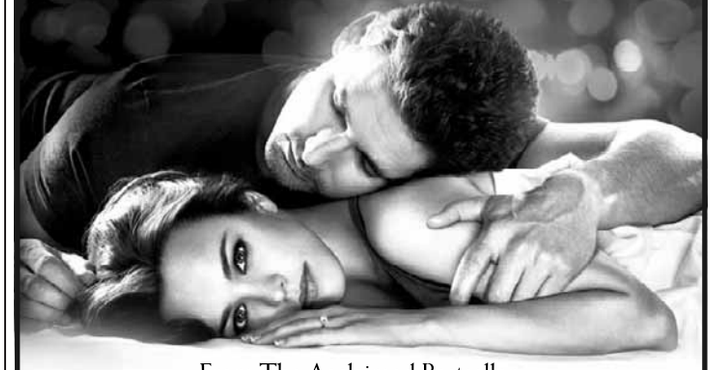
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Iota: Helo With Zelos, $10.

Jammin' Java: Mercury in Summer, Baigis, the Scoons, Whitney Cavin, 4:30 p.m., $10; Niki Barr Band, the Chuck Shaffer Picture Show, Cinema Cinema, 10 p.m., $10.

Jaxx: When Day Breaks, Clock Strikes Twelve, the Maybe List, Bullets and Brave and more, 3 p.m., $12; Switch56, Division, 9:15 p.m., $10.

Merriweather Post Pavilion: Phish, 7 p.m., $49.50.

Red and the Black: Gist, Hammer No More the Fingers, the Seldon Plan, and more, 9 p.m., $8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Death by Sexy, Gringo Star, Starlight Mints, Meow vs Meow, DJ Doc Rok, 6:30 p.m., $10.

Twins Jazz: Andrea Wood, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.

Velvet Lounge: The Shirks, Born Loose, Electricutions, 10 p.m., $8.

Wolf Trap: The Temptations, the Four Tops, 8 p.m., $22-$38.

➜ SUNDAY

Birchmere: Laura Izibor, 7:30 p.m., $25.

Black Cat: Amy Ray, Bellafea, $15.

Blues Alley: Arturo Sandoval, 8 & 10 p.m., $43.

DC9: Woods, 8 p.m., $10.

Galaxy Hut: Zevious , DC Improvisers Collective, 9 p.m.

Iota: The Duke and the King with Simone Felice and Armida Riddle, 8:30 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: Angel Taylor, Megan McCormick, 8 p.m., $10.

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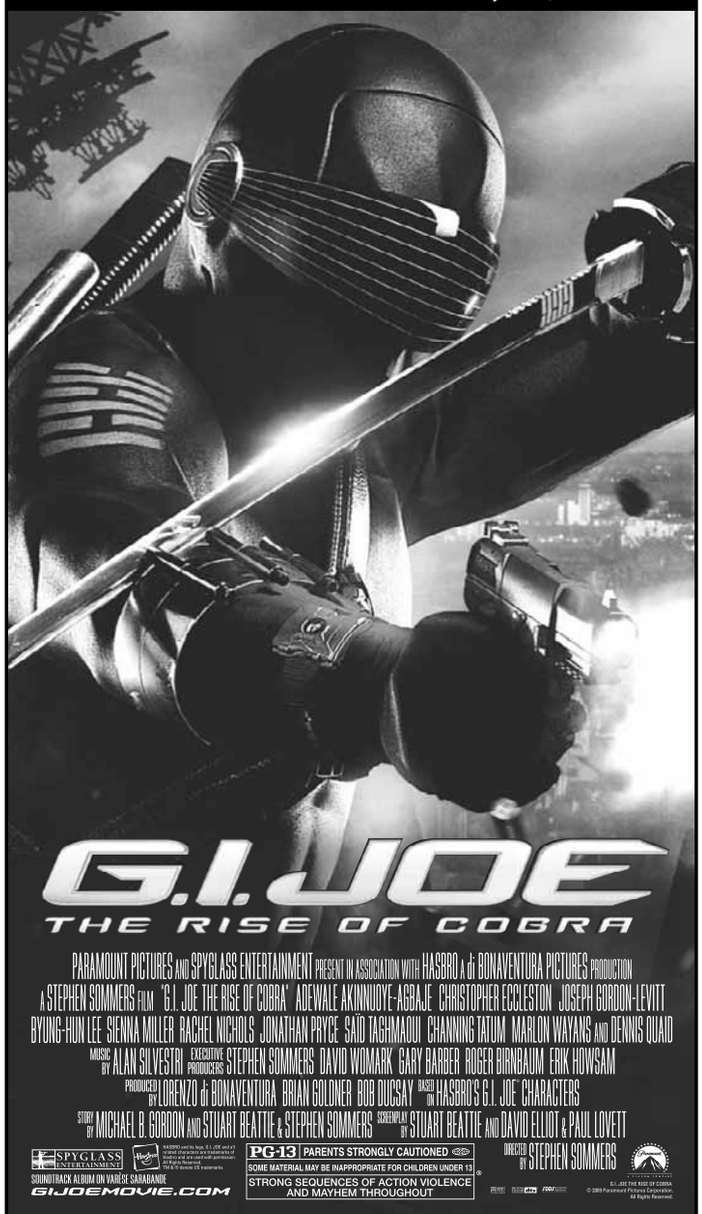

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Red and the Black: Flo Anito, Adam Sullivan, the Fishermen, This Frontier Needs Heroes, 9 p.m., $6.

Rock and Roll Hotel: See-I, the Blackjacks, Laura Tsaggaris Band, Jeff Wells, 9 p.m., $10.

Twins Jazz: Ehrael Rivers Quintet, 8 & 10 p.m., $15.

Velvet Lounge: Cartright, Secret Mountains, Dollar Bin, 9 p.m., $8.

Wolf Trap: Bonnie Raitt, Taj Mahal, 8 p.m., $30-$48.

Sight

87Florida: "A New Currency: Shared Resources," Civilian Arts Project curates a show bringing together artistic reflections on the changing ideas of abundance and exchange, through Sept. 1. 87 Florida Ave. NW; 202-347-0022, 87florida.com.

Alexandria Black History Museum: Permanent and changing exhibitions highlighting Alexandria's rich history. 902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-838-4356, oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc.

Anacostia Community Museum: "Jubilee: African American Celebration," a series of photographs of black celebrations from baptisms to Mardi Gras to Election Day, through Sept. 20. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000, anacostia.si.edu.

Arlington Arts Center: "Paradox Now!" a collection of differing mediums and artistic expressions that reinterpret and reimagine history, through Aug. 22. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, arlingtonartscenter.org.

The Art League Gallery: "Scapes: the International Landcape Show," Art League members exhibit work reflecting on the themes of landscape, destruction

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Curator's Office: "Summer Dock," collection from 12 different artists exploring varying subjects through various mediums, through Aug. 29. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008, curatorsoffice.com.

Embassy of Canada: "Yousuf Karsh at 100: Portraits of Artists," delve into photographs of Andy Warhol, Georgia O'Keefe and Pablo Picasso in a celebration of Karsh's birth, through Dec. 18. 501 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-682-1740, canadainternational.gc.ca/washington.

Embassy of Chile: "Luz Benavente," organic and colorful abstract art from the Chilean painter, through Aug. 28. 1732 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-785-1746 chile-usa.org.

Folger Shakespeare Library: "The Curatorial Eye: Discoveries From the Folger Vault," discover the extraordinary and strange as the staff at the library display their favorite unexplored library treasures, through Aug. 29. 201 East. Capitol St. SE; 202-675-0342, folger.edu.

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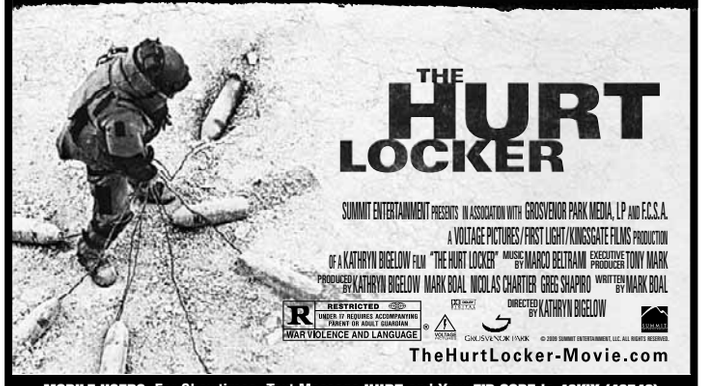

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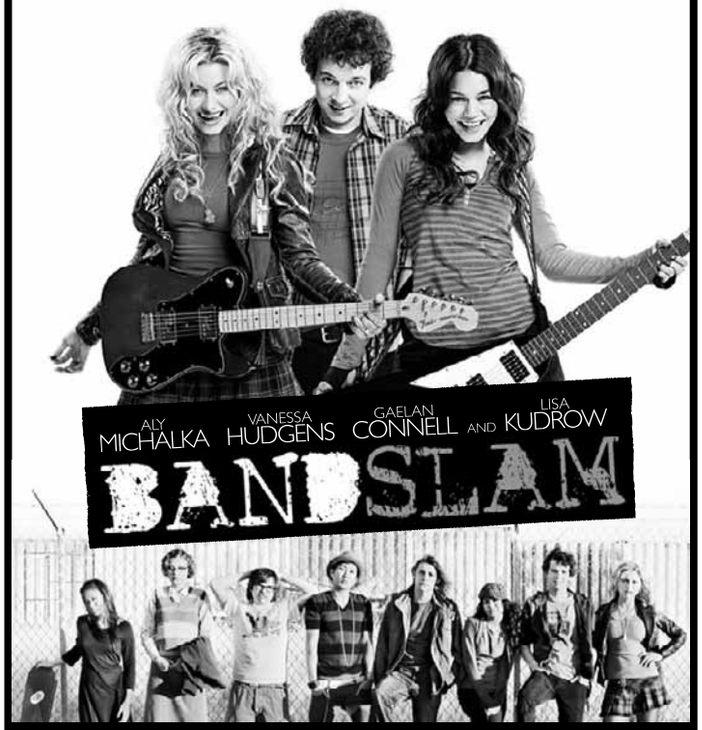

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Freer Gallery of Art: "Writing, Carving and Rubbing: China's Calligraphic Arts," through Oct. 26. "Moonlight and Clouds: Silver and Gold in the Arts of Japan," through Nov. 8. "Texture of Night: James McNeill Whistler," through June 2010. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

The Gallery at Flashpoint: "M3: MCs, Mics and Metaphors," the lyrical power and strength of hip-hop music is conveyed through visual imagery and mixed media by a number of artists, through Aug. 29. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, flashpointdc.org.

Goethe-Institut: "Gute Aussichten: Young German Photographers 2008/2009," evocative and creative photographs from nine photographers, through Sept. 2. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200, goethe.de/washington.

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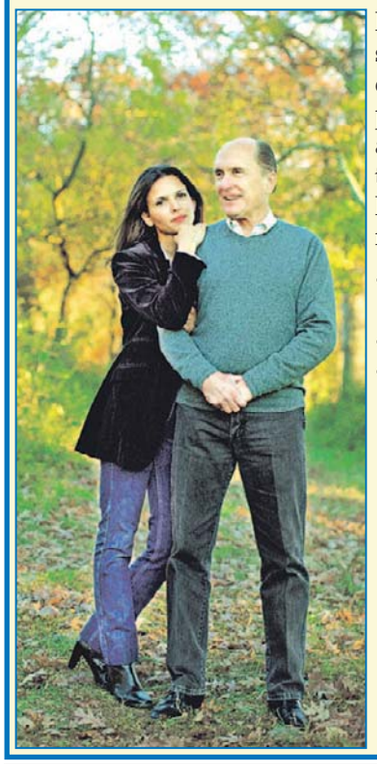

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MICHAEL WELAND

Poste Moderne Brasserie is one of a number of D.C. restaurants that are using on-site gardens for ingredients and training.

Coming Up Fresh

Sustainable food sourcing reaches a new level, thanks to enterprising chefs

GROWING AWARENESS | The typical day for a restaurant staffer does not usually include a movie screening. But that's just what happened at **RESTAURANT EVE** in June, when chef Cathal Armstrong asked his crew to watch the sustainability-minded, farmer-friendly documentary "Fresh," as part of their continuing education.

Armstrong is one of several chefs in Washington who finds benefits in instructing their workers about local, organic food. Some have also turned their backyard, courtyard or street front into a classroom, cultivating vegetables and herbs on site.

During the growing season, Armstrong's 2,000-square-foot garden produces 20 percent of his produce — everything from peas and turnips to artichokes and nectarines — and runs on compost from the restaurant's kitchen.

"The garden gives me an opportunity to educate my staff on where food really comes from," he says.

> The move is in part economical ... but it's also inspirational. "It gives you something to look forward to."

At **POSTE MODERNE BRASSERIE**, chef Robert Weland instructs his diners. Every Thursday he offers his "Market to Market" program, building a five-course tasting menu for a dozen visitors by taking them through the Penn Quarter farmers market and the restaurant's garden, which includes 14 varieties of heirloom tomatoes.

Of course the on-site garden is nothing new, as **RESTAURANT NORA**, for instance, has cultivated its herbs and fruit trees since the 1980s. But chef David Varley of **BOURBON STEAK** represents the next wave, as he's building a rooftop greenhouse to sustain 365 days of growing and supplement his 500-square-foot garden along Georgetown's C&O Canal.

He knows the move is in part economical (as the garden already saves him $300 a week in purchases), but it's also inspirational.

"It gives you something to look forward to," he says. "Say you know in two weeks you're going to have 40 pounds of radishes — you come up with interesting ideas because you'd be a fool to waste it."

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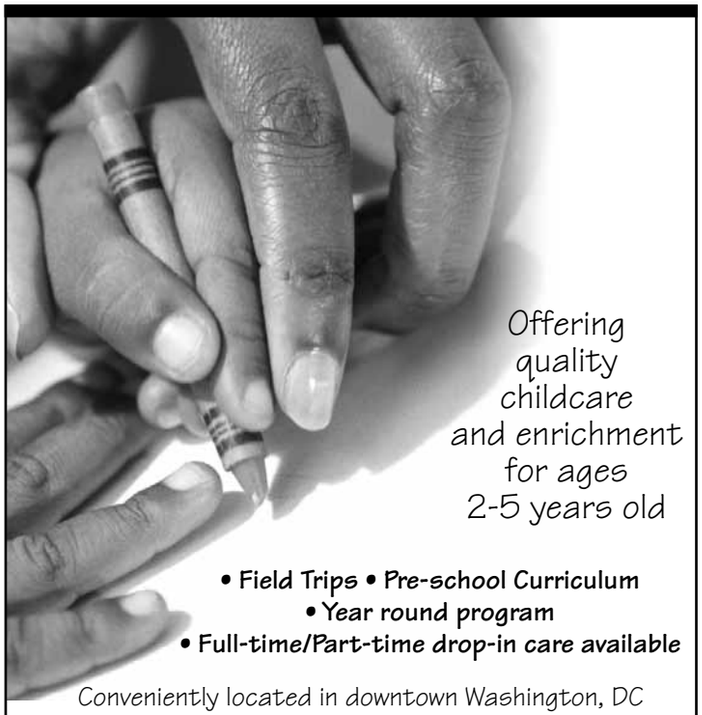

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Still Searching for Vegetarian Heaven

Love the green? Get a bite of meatless variety at these stops

CRUNCHY | Whether for health, social status or just sheer taste, D.C. loves its veggies. The love may be there, but finding a new place to satisfy that herbivorous urge isn't always easy.

Katt Hull has been a vegetarian on and off for about five years; her teetering is because of "the lack of good food options." But she has taken a liking to Sunflower Vegetarian Restaurant, which she first visited before going meatless.

"The menu is unbelievable," said Hull. "If you close your eyes you'd think [General Tso's Surprise] is the real thing. It's the most unique vegetarian restaurant."

Marissa Valeria of Rockville is also on the Chinese bandwagon because "they make it so easy." Valeria frequents the Vegetable Garden for its carved and curled shiitake mushrooms with asparagus. But according to Valeria, the "best vegetarian food in the universe is El Tamarindo." Growing up in Wheaton, Valeria became accustomed to eating pupusas and finds its bean-and-cheese version the best in the area.

It's no surprise that D.C.'s historic Ben's Chili Bowl made it on the pro-veggie list, too. Both Emily Diamond-Falk and Tim Tranchilla give props to its vegetarian chili, both in a bowl or on top of fries.

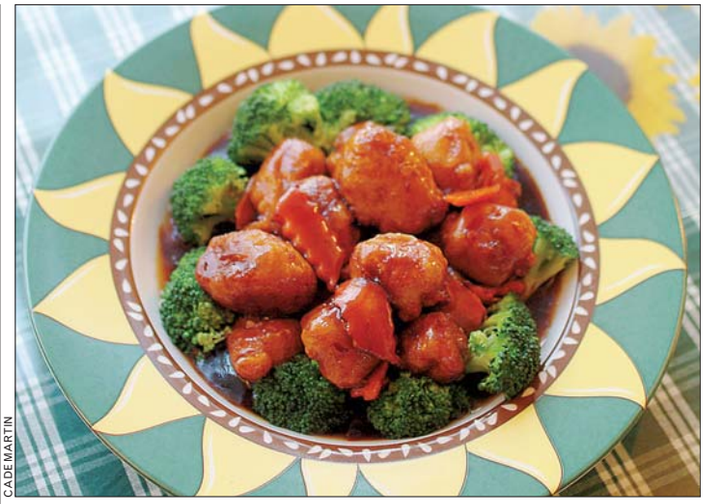
An 11-year vegetarian, Tranchilla discovered new ways to find his next meal: If he's craving textured vegetable protein he'll simply type in "TVP" and "DC" and pull up a Google map of the restaurants offering dense protein. His favorite is Peking Express' TVP orange chicken and TVP honey sesame chicken. "Both fake!" he said. "Really tasty and high in protein!"

While David DeGennaro doesn't anticipate a plethora of vegetarian options, he enjoys when "places do something special, but I don't walk in expecting it." But the disappointment still comes.

"[Sometimes] restaurants have things that look really good and should be vegetarian, but aren't," said Degennaro. "I love mac and cheese and my eyes light up when I see it on the menu. But then my heart drops when I see it's made with bacon or shrimp."

Recently, he found a version he could enjoy at the Rugby Cafe. "[The macaroni and cheese] is made with onions and rosemary and is absolutely delicious."

(STEFANIE GANS)



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GALLERY | ART/NOT ART

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MASQUERADE: This weekend is the last chance to see work from one of the most reclusive and prolific American Indian artists, Fritz Scholder, as the National Museum of the American Indian presents "Indian/Not Indian." Scholder trafficked in distorted bold and vivid portraits in the '60s and '70s, while wrestling with, and often denying, his own heritage.

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"Strange Bodies: Figurative Works From the Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

Honfleur Gallery: "East of the River," third annual exhibition of artist in Wards 7 and 8 interpreting the theme of Beauty and the Beast, through Sept. 25. 1227 Good Hope Road SE; 202-536-8994, honfleurgallery.com.

Koshland Science Museum: Various science-related exhibits including "Global Warming Facts & Our Future," "Lights at Night," "Infectious Disease: Evolving Challenges to Human Health," "Wonders of Science," ongoing. 6th & E streets NW; 202-334-1201, koshlandsciencemuseum.org.

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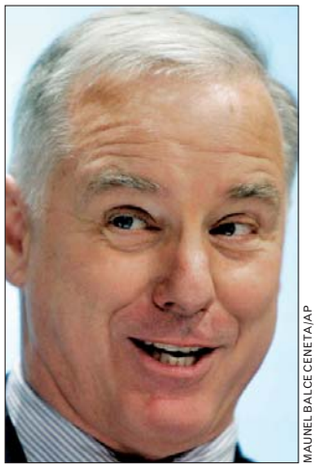

MAUNEL BALCE CENETA/AP

DISCUSS: No memoir here. Howard Dean talks change and his new book, "Prescription for Real Healthcare Reform" at Politics and Prose on Thursday at 4 p.m.

Irvine Contemporary: "Introductions5" fifth-annual mixed-media exhibition of recent art college graduates, through Sept. 5. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Gaza Conversations," mixed-media works and paintings from three artists provide a visual, continuing response to the tragedies in Gaza, through Sept. 4. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerusalemfund.org.

LAST CHANCE Katzen Center: "Call Me Chairmaker," 52 sculptural chairs from Garry Knox Bennett, through Sun. "Love, Let Me Count the Ways," a selection of prints from the Washington Print Club, through Sun., other exhibitions and sculptures. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-1300, american.edu/cas/katzen.

National Air and Space Museum: "Alan Bean: Painting Apollo, First Artist

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on Another World," reflections and paintings from the fourth man on the moon; ongoing exhibitions and the largest collection of historic air and spacecraft in the world. 6th & Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE National Building Museum: "Architecture of Authority: Photographs by Richard Ross," pictures of places in charge, through Sun. "Green Community," through Oct. 25. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

National Gallery of Art, East Building: "In the Tower: Philip Guston," exploration of the stylistic journey and works of painter Philip Guston, through Sept. 13. "Luis Melendez: Master of the Spanish Still Life," 31 culinary-themed paintings from the 18th-century painter, through Aug. 23. **National Gallery of Art, West Building:** "Stanley William Hayter: From Surrealism to Abstraction," 55 of Hayter's most important prints, through Aug. 23. "The Budapest Horse: A Leonardo Da Vinci Mystery," through Sept. 7. "Edouard Manet's 'Ragpicker,'" the pathos-heavy painting is exhibited for a limited time in cooperation with the Norton Simon Foundation, through Sept. 7. "The Antiquity of Imagination: Tullio Lombardo and Venetian High Renaissance Sculpture," through Nov. 1. "The Art of Power: Royal Armor and Portraits From Imperial Spain," armor and its use in maintaining the imperial mystique, through Nov. 1. "Designing the Lincoln Memorial: Daniel Chester French & Henry Bacon," features a plaster final model of the statue, through Feb. 2010. Permanent exhibit, European and American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts from the 13th through the 19th centuries. 6th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, nga.gov.

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IS IT NOW YET? Ask eight artists to define the present, and you'll get 16 answers. That's the joy of "Paradox Now!," a group show of photography, collage, installation and video art at Arlington Arts Center. Parodies mingle with reenactments, reality with fantasy, memory with desire — the effect is what the Woodstock generation used to call "a trip."

The Budapest Horse

A Leonardo da Vinci Puzzle

Through September 7

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The technical study and exhibition of *The Budapest Horse* have been organized by the National Gallery of Art, Washington, in association with the Szépművészeti Múzeum (Museum of Fine Arts), Budapest. Made possible by the generous support of Robert H. Smith. The collaboration has also been supported by a grant from the Hungarian Cultural Center and the Hungarian Ministry of Education and Culture. The exhibition is part of the *Extremely Hungary* Festival.

An Antiquity of Imagination is organized by the National Gallery of Art, Washington. Sponsored by The Exhibition Circle of the National Gallery of Art. Additional support is provided by the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. Supported by an indemnity from the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.

Cast from model by or after Leonardo da Vinci, *Rearing Horse*, 16th century or later, copper-tin alloy with lead (bronze), Szépművészeti Múzeum (Museum of Fine Arts), Budapest; Tullio Lombardo, *"Bacchus and Ariadne"* (detail), c. 1505, Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna, Kunstkammer

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National Geographic: "Kodachrome Culture, the American Tourist in Europe," more than 100 photos from the archives celebrate an era of peacetime traveling captured in a nearly extinct format, through Sept. 7. "Lions and Leopards: The Work of Dereck & Beverly Joubert," through Oct. 4. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

National Museum of African Art: "Treasures 2008," 74 works of ivory, through Aug. 24. "Artful Animals," a family-friendly exhibition provides a new look into Africa and its animals, through Feb. 21., 2010. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, africa.si.edu.

National Museum of American History: The newly light-filled space contains an array of ongoing exhibitions, including "The Scurlock Studio and Black Washington: Picturing the Promise," through Feb. 2010, "The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem," "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America," "Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian," the Declaration of Independence and many more, permanent collection. 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, americanhistory.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE National Museum of the American Indian: "Indian/Not Indian," paintings from Fritz Scholder illustrate an artistic conflict of identity, through Sun. "Ramp ilt Up: Skateboard Culture in Native America," photos, film and other displays celebrate the spread of skating, through Nov. 1. Displays about the history and culture of American Indians, permanent collection. 4th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-

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LITTLE THINGS: Small is beautiful at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore. "Shrunken Treasures," an exhibition of miniature manuscripts and rare books from the museum's collection, required astonishing skill on the part of their makers.

1000, nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Natural History: "Dig It! The Secrets of the Soil," through Jan. 2010. "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake," through Feb. 2011, other permanent exhibitions. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, nmnh.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Mary McFadden: Goddesses," exhibition of gowns, clothing and jewelry from the American fashion designer. "Fashion Forward: Photographs by Louise Dahl-Wolfe," shots from the iconic, irreverent photographer. "Picturing Progress: Hungarian Women Photographers 1900-1945," Hungarian history, as recorded through 80 photographs, all through Aug. 30. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

LAST CHANCE National Portrait Gallery: "Reflections/Refractions: Self-Portraiture in the 20th Century," through Sun. "Portraiture Now: Feature Photography," through Sept. 27. "Presidents in Waiting," through Jan. 3, other permanent exhibitions, 2010. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Fotobama: Picturing the President," through Sept. 7. "Manhunt: Chasing Lincoln's Killer," how developments in journalism helped the pursuit of John Wilkes Booth. "Our World at War: Photojournalism Beyond the Front Lines," Red Cross-comissioned photographers illustrate the effects of war on eight countries, through Sept. 7. "Woodstock at 40: the Rise of Music Journalism," photographs and artifacts from the seminal event illustrates the doorway to a new world of music and journalism, through Oct. 31. "G-Men and Journalists," a history of media coverage and the FBI, both through Dec. 31, ongoing permanent exhibitions illustrating the role of a free press in a free society. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, newseum.org.

The Phillips Collection: "Early Moderns: A Celebration of Gifts From Gifford and Joann Phillips," through Sept. 6. "Paint Made Flesh," the sensual and metaphorical properties of human flesh are explored in a series of post-1950s paintings, through Sept. 13. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, phillipscollection.org.

Project 4 Gallery: "Rusty Wolfe," paintings from the Nashville artist mimic the landscape as seen from an airplane, through Aug. 31. 1353 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: "Staged Stories: Renwick Craft Invitational 2009," Christyl Boger, Mark Newport, Mary Van Cline and SunKoo Yuh handle ceramic and fiber past traditional limits of functionality and focus on the narrative qualities of their material, through Jan. 3, 2010. "1934: A New Deal for Artists," paintings spawned from the first federally funded program for the arts, through Jan. 3, 2010. "The Honor of Your Company Is Requested," President Abraham Lincoln's inaugural ball, through Jan. 18. Permanent collection, ongoing. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu.

The Textile Museum: "A Lady Found a Culture in its Cloth," batik patterned textiles from the collection of Ann Dunham, President Obama's mother, provides a look into the Southeast Asian cultures where the fabric originated, through Aug. 23. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

Touchstone Gallery: 406 7th St. NW; "My Space on 7th," 90 local artists exhibit work in this non-juried third-annual showcase, reception Fri. 6-8:30 p.m., through Sept. 4. 202-347-2787, touchstonegallery.com.

LAST CHANCE Transformer: "E6: in Situ," part of Transformer's Exercises for Emerging Artists, Brandon Morse curates a reflection on videos, digital animation and time-based media from Jeremy Haik, Clive Leung, Erik

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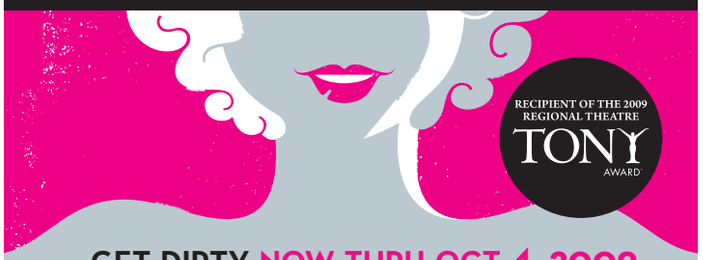

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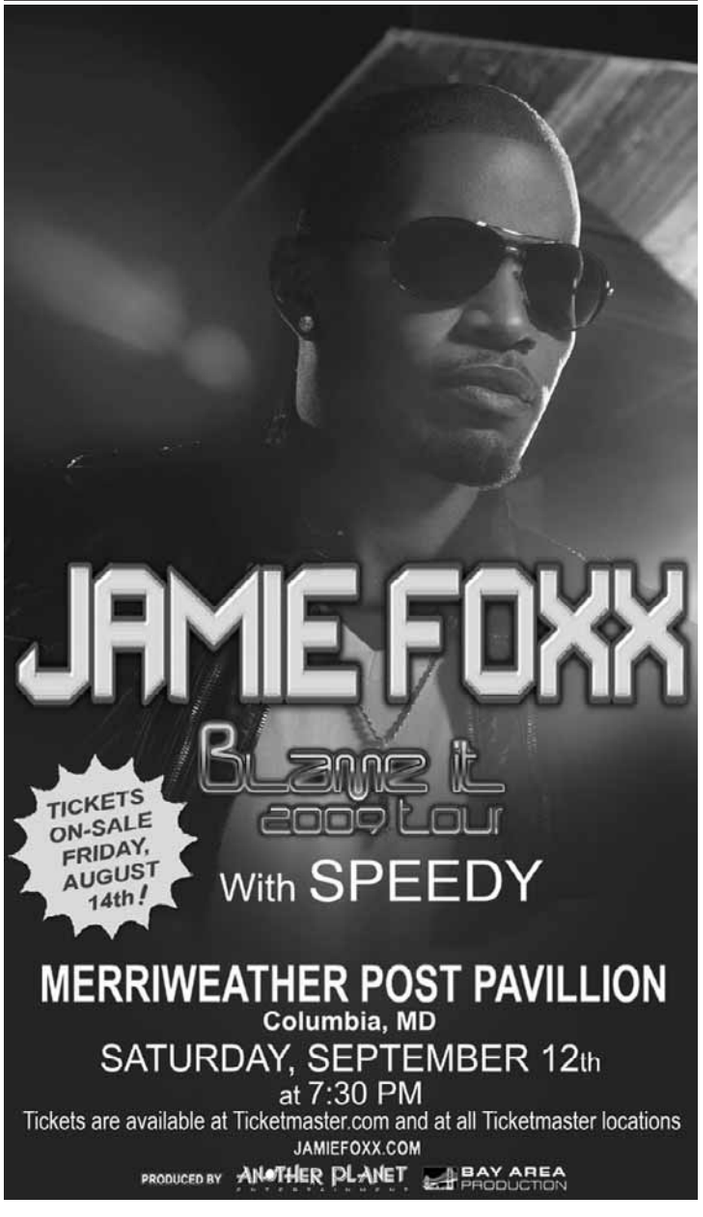

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LAST CHANCEU.S. Botanic Garden: "The New Age of Chocolate," a plant exploration at the intersection of health, science, botany and yumminess, through Sun. "Flora: Growing Inspirations," work from artists from the U.S. and Zimbabwe and presented in cooperation with the Washington Sculptors Group, through Oct. 12. "African-American Gardens: Places of the Spirit." Permanent exhibitions of more than 4,000 plants and a tropical rain forest. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.org.

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: "A Dangerous Lie: Protocols of the Elders of Zion," "State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda," "Remember the Children: Daniel's Story," other exhibitions of artifacts, photographs and oral histories. 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place/15th St. SW; 202-488-0400, ushmm.org.

The Walters Art Museum: "Shrunken Treasures: Miniaturization in Books," text gets small with more than 30 manuscripts and rare books, through Nov. 8, 600 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD; 410-5457-9000, thewalters.org.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: "12th Annual National Small Works," 42 prints, 170 square inches or smaller, showcase the ability of artist to create within confined spaces. "Natural Occurences," a solo exhibition from Julie Niskanen,both through Aug. 30. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757, washingtonprintmakers.com.

Stage

LAST CHANCE ACTS OF LOVE: A three-week play festival from the Keegan Theatre explores young love through the eyes of three generations, and three plays this week with Love Letters by A.R. Gurney, through Aug. 29., $15-$30. Church Street Theater, 1742 Church St. NW; 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.com.

A Passion For Justice: Evolution arguing-lawyer Charles Darrow's life is exposed for the viewer in a one man play starring Paul Morella, through Sept. 6, $39-$49. Olney Theatre, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

Living Dead in Denmark: Shakespeare meets zombies in director Qui Nguyen's humorous and blood-filled exploration of the world after Hamlet, produced by Rorschach Theatre, through Aug. 23, $13.50-$21.50. The Gonda Theatre, O & 37th streets NW; 202-452-5538, rorschachtheatre.com.

LAST CHANCE Dead City: A husband's infidelity sparks his wife on a twisting punk-rock adventure in this reimagining of James Joyce's "Ulysses" from Sheila Callaghan and Rorschach Theatre, through Sun., $21.50. Davis Performing Arts Center, 37th & O streets NW; 800-494-8497, rorschachtheatre.com.

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LAST CHANCE One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest: Climb back down the rabbit hole with Nurse Ratched and the rest of Ken Kesey's mental hospital-bound characters in this rendering from Keegan Theatre, through Sat., $25-$30. Church Street Theatre, 1742 Church St. NW; 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.com.

LAST CHANCE P.S. Your Cat is Dead: Black Box Theatre presents the story of a man who takes perverse control of his absolutely horrible New Year's Eve, with surprisingly hilarious results, through Sat., $15. 1409 Playbill Cafe, 1409 14th St. NW; 202-290-3400, blackboxtheatre.org.

Seascape: Late-life relational difficulties are examined with a bent toward the reptillian in this drama from Edward Albee and presented by American Century Theater, through Aug. 22, $25-$32. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-998-4555, americancentury.org.

The Taming of the Shrew: True love runs rough and humorous in the classic work from the Shakespeare Theatre Company, through Sept. 12, free, but tickets required. Sidney Harman Hall, 610 F St. NW; 877-487-8849, shakespearetheatre.org.

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Branch's Country Refuge

The erstwhile popster rediscovers herself in Nashville within a more fitting genre

ARTIST | Michelle Branch was flipping between MTV and VH1 the other day when it hit her.

At 26, the one-time pop princess is hopelessly out of step with pop. "I felt like an old lady," Branch giggled. "I didn't know anybody they played."

Branch is OK with that. More than OK, actually.

She's moved to Nashville with her husband and young daughter and has become ingrained in country music, first as a member of the Wreckers with pal Jessica Harp and now as a solo artist about to release her country debut, "Everything Comes and Goes," this fall.

While still in her teens, Branch had three Top 20 pop hits between 2001 and 2003, including the Grammy-winning "The Game of Love" with Santana.

She was lumped with fellow rising stars Avril Lavigne and Vanessa Carlton, and appeared on TV shows such as "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Charmed."

But Branch says that, even then, she began feeling out of place.

"I was feeling like I didn't really fit when my second record came out," she said. "I remember the week my record came out Beyonce's record came out at the same time, and I'm, like, 'How in the world do you guys expect me to compete with this? We're not the same person.'

TIM GAYLORD

SELF-FOUND: While Branch was initially on the pop charts, her musical life took an important turn when she moved to Nashville.

Branch found refuge with the Wreckers, a duo she formed in 2005 with Harp. Country radio looked past her pop roots, and the Wreckers hit big with "Leave the Pieces" and "My, Oh My" and were nominated for a Grammy Award.

But as suddenly as they'd arrived, the Wreckers were gone. Branch says creative differences led her and Harp to split.

> "It's going to sound country because that's the instrumentation I'm in love with."

Both women say the Wreckers aren't finished, just on hold.

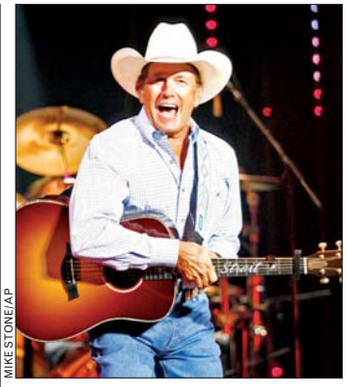
In the meantime, Harp and Branch will release solo discs this fall. Branch's first single is "Sooner or Later."

"When it came time to do a solo record, I think everyone had me under the magnifying glass a little more than normal because I had that pop history," Branch says.

But in the end, Branch says, she stuck with her gut. She recalls telling her label, Warner Bros. Nashville: "I said, 'Let's just make the record, and it's going to sound country because that's the instrumentation I'm in love with and I'm writing with people here in Nashville. Let's not overthink it.'"

JOHN GEROME (AP)

CASTING A Hero Lies in Hudson "Oz" alum Ernie Hudson has joined NBC's drama series "Heroes." He will play Captain Lubbock, a Baltimore detective. As usual, the show's producers are keeping storyline's details under wraps, but it is understood that Lubbock is on the hunt for one of the other characters on the show. "Heroes" marks a return to the police beat for Hudson, who also played a detective on ABC's "Desperate Housewives." Hudson recently wrapped the "Smokin' Aces" prequel. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)



MIKE STONE/AP

Strait flexes his pen on a new album.

A Little 'Twang' in His Step

George Strait displays a fresh craftiness and works on songwriting

MUSIC | George Strait is lionized for his uncomplicated approach to country music. But on this outing, there's evidence of his craftiness.

"Twang" serves as a pretty nifty summation of what commercial country is, circa 2009. This album, like his others, doesn't dive deep emotionally, but it's still a standout in a long, hit-filled repertory.

Most significant is the appearance at this late date of George Strait, songwriter. Almost exclusively an interpreter of others' compositions for the last three decades, the Texan, at 57, has written three of these 13 numbers, with help from his son, Bubba.

Some of these songs focus on guys who don't realize the good thing they had until it's too late.

It would seem that Strait is crafty enough not to miss that message as it applies to the music lurking within him. RANDY LEWIS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

lookout entertainment

Pee-Wee Is Center Stage

His childlike antics and red bow tie will light up a Hollywood theater this autumn

RETURN | The bow tie. The form-fitting gray suit. The white loafers. Oh, and that laugh. Pee-wee Herman is back, and his creator, Paul Reubens, is overjoyed — and more than a little bit nervous, too.

"I've put part of him away for a long time, but part of him has always been here with me," the soft-spoken actor said in an interview from his home in L.A. But he added: "I have some fear that he won't be funny after all this time. I don't want to ruin it."

After a hiatus of close to 20 years, Reubens announced Monday that he would be playing Pee-wee in a new stage show at the Music Box @ Fonda in Hollywood. The production, titled "The Pee-wee Herman Show" and set to run Nov. 19-29, is a re-imagined version of the actor's original theatrical show of the same name that began at the Groundlings Theatre in 1981. It played at the Roxy in L.A. for five months in the early '80s and helped bring Pee-wee national recognition, including an HBO special and the 1985 film "Pee-wee's Big Adventure," directed by Tim Burton.

The show will feature the same story line as the original: Pee-wee, a nerdy man-child with a colorful menagerie of anthropomorphic friends, is granted a wish to learn to fly but gives the wish away. Reubens said he has revised parts of the story to include new songs as well as characters from his popular CBS television series, "Pee-wee's Playhouse."

VH1/AP

LOAFER NO MORE: After 20 years, Reubens will once again be Pee-wee Herman.

In one notable change, a character played on stage by the late comedian Phil Hartman has been replaced with another character. "I didn't want to be looking at someone else playing Phil's part," Reubens said.

Among the characters familiar from the TV series that will appear on stage will be Pee-wee's talking chair, Chairry, and his friend Pterri, the pterodactyl.

> **"I've put part of him away for a long time, but part of him has always been here with me."**

"I felt that doing this show so many years later and having the TV show in between — people are going to ask, 'Where's the talking chair?" Reubens said. So ,I've added characters from the TV series to the show." DAVID NG (LOS ANGELES TIME)

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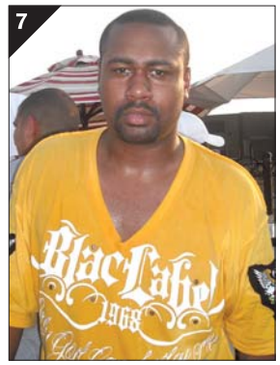

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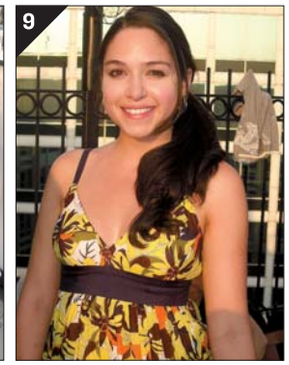
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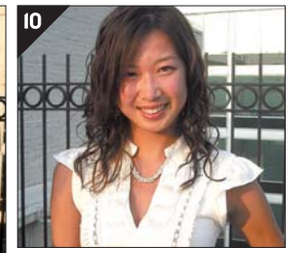
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"Los Angeles. The atmosphere is open, and there's no drama."

television lookout

Nature Shows Its Pride

CHRISTOPHER WADSWORTH/ANIMAL PLANET

David Salmoni gets extra-close to his feline friend tonight on "Into the Pride."

LIONS | Can you get too close to nature? The folks who turned "Grizzly Man" into a weekly series now bring us "Into the Pride" (8 p.m., Animal Planet), a tale of a dedicated — if not obsessive — naturalist who spends six months alone with a community of threatened jungle cats in Africa.

The five-part series follows Canadian zoologist Dave Salmoni as he enters the world of antisocial lions in order to better understand their problems and to help them keep from being eradicated by authorities who accuse them of devouring local livestock and attacking humans.

Like Timothy Treadwell, posthumous star of "Grizzly Man," Salmoni takes on a kind of messianic zeal, promising to connect with the big cats or die trying.

"Pride" follows the template of many similar nature series, assigning names and personalities to animal "stars," from Brutus, the dominant male, to Rough and Tumble, the youngest lion cubs. It also projects an air of improbable intimacy between Dave and his critter community as he strives to establish a bond of trust. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

tonight's lineup

THE STORY ON THE GROUND
CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR REPORTS: GENERATION ISLAM (8 p.m., CNN) takes a two-hour look at the growing number of poor children in Pakistan and Afghanistan who have become easy prey for radicals.

DOUBLE THE CHUCKLES
On two reruns of **30 ROCK** (NBC), Edie Falco guest-stars (8 p.m.) and Liz adjusts to suspension (9:30 p.m.).

AWKWARD YET AWESOME
Michael tackles distribution woes on a rerun of **THE OFFICE** (9 p.m., NBC).

DRUGS ON THE SIDE
Hank has doubts about a patient's rapid detox program on **ROYAL PAINS** (10 p.m., USA).

PRETTY FILM PROMO
Rachel McAdams is scheduled on **THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART** (11 p.m., Comedy Central).

LESSON IN COSMOLOGY
Mark Devlin is booked on **THE COLBERT REPORT** (11:30 p.m., Comedy Central).

BRENT STIRTON/CNN

Christiane Amanpour investigates targeted children on "Generation Islam."

FUNNY FOLKS
Conan O'Brien hosts Robin Williams and Piers Morgan on **THE TONIGHT SHOW** (11:35 p.m., NBC).

JOKES WITH JIMMY
Anne Heche, Aubrey Plaza and Diane Birch appear on **JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE** (12:05 a.m., ABC).

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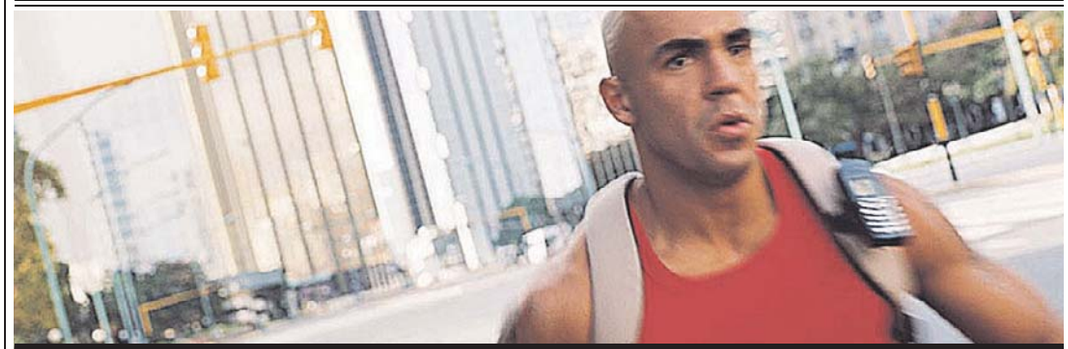

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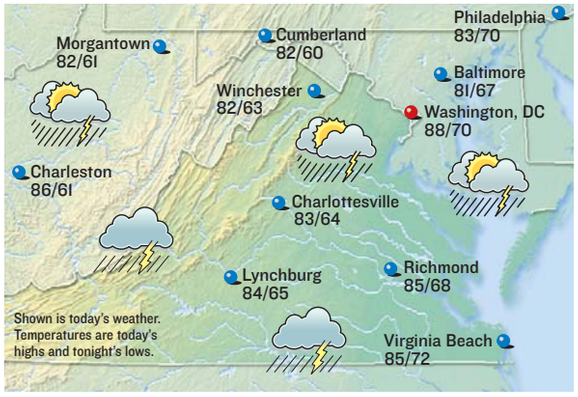

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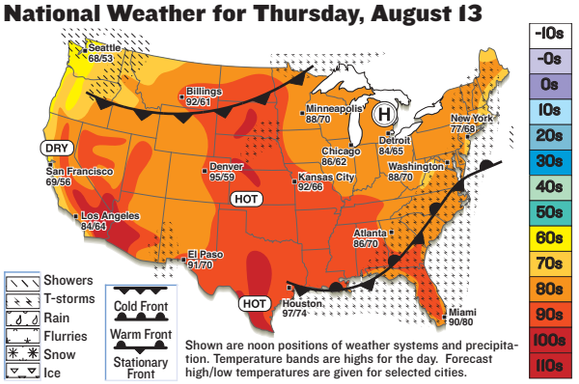

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Honolulu	87/76/c	89/76/s
Los Angeles	84/64/pc	82/62/pc
Miami	90/80/t	89/79/t
New York City	77/68/t	84/73/t
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Geneva	79/58/s	81/57/s
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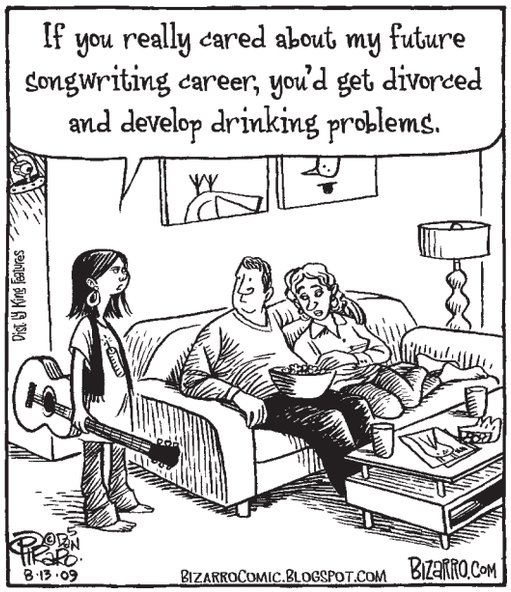

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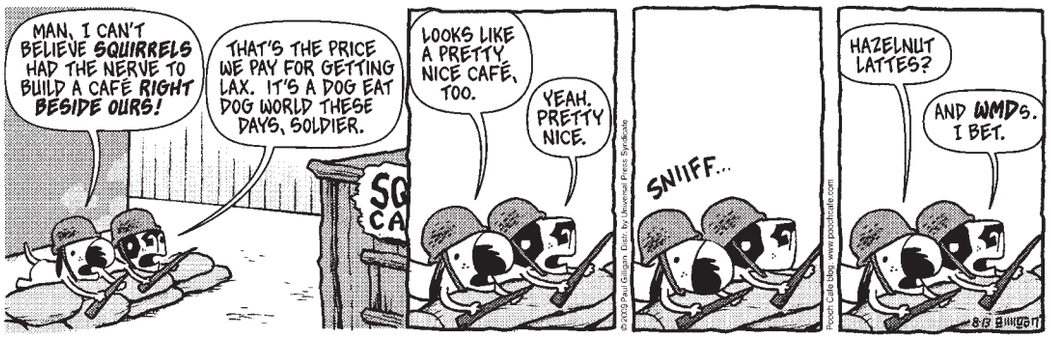

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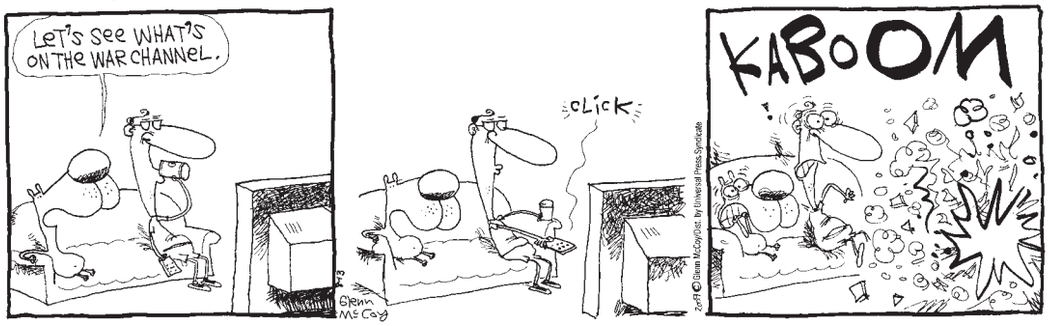

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Avoid doing anything in a hidden or otherwise secretive way. You'll want things to be out in the open as others look to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The way you have been treating others lately — including family members and other loved ones — may require some fine-tuning at this time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) If it's financial security you're after, you'll need to employ patience. Safety in and around the home can be achieved now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may find yourself in a battle of wills that pits you against someone who knows your strengths and weaknesses very well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Even the best-laid plans sometimes go awry, but a last-minute improvisation can prove highly profitable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be trying too hard to do too many things in too little time. You don't want to come up short because you run out of gas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are likely to realize that a little risk can yield tremendous results — if, of course, you weigh the pros and cons carefully first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You don't want to charge into anything unprepared. Do your homework, and know what you're getting into at work or at play.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can benefit a great deal from deepening your relationships with certain individuals at the workplace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may have to come up with a new set of goals at this time, after the day's events shake things up considerably.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may find yourself in unfamiliar territory — emotionally speaking. What you are feeling will require a good deal of reflection and study.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may feel as though you have nothing more to give — and yet others are expecting you to give even more. You can do it; don't let them down.

Today in History

1846 The American flag is raised for the first time in Los Angeles.

1960 The first two-way telephone conversation by satellite takes place with the help of Echo 1.

1961 Berlin is divided as East Germany seals off the border between the city's eastern and western sectors and begins building a wall in order to halt the flight of refugees.

1989 Searchers in Ethiopia find the wreckage of a plane that disappeared almost a week earlier while carrying Texas Congressman Mickey Leland and 14 other people — there are no survivors.

2004 TV chef Julia Child dies in Montecito, Calif., two days short of her 92nd birthday.

JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

Michael Phelps and his teammates react to winning the 800-meter relay.

2008 Michael Phelps swims into history as the winningest Olympic athlete ever with his 10th and 11th career gold medals. Phelps wins the 200-meter butterfly and then swims the leadoff of a runaway victory by the U.S. 800 freestyle relay team.

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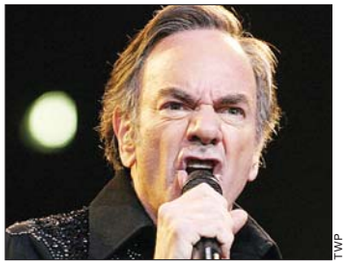

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Neil Diamond can't wait to give his album and show nighttime feedings.

PREGNANCY

Expectant Moms Wish Him Nausea, Bloating

NEIL DIAMOND is excited about his two new projects: a concert DVD, "Hot August Night/NYC," landing in Wal-Mart stores Friday, and a TV special airing on CBS. "I feel like an expectant father, and I'm just nervously sitting around the waiting room hoping that the baby is healthy and happy." he said. (AP)

LANDMARKS

You Can See His Ego From Space

A Tampa community association is allowing **DEREK JETER** to build a 6-foot fence around his property, even though 4 feet is the norm. Future Jeter neighbor Taylor Ward says locals call the fence "the great wall of Jeter." (AP)

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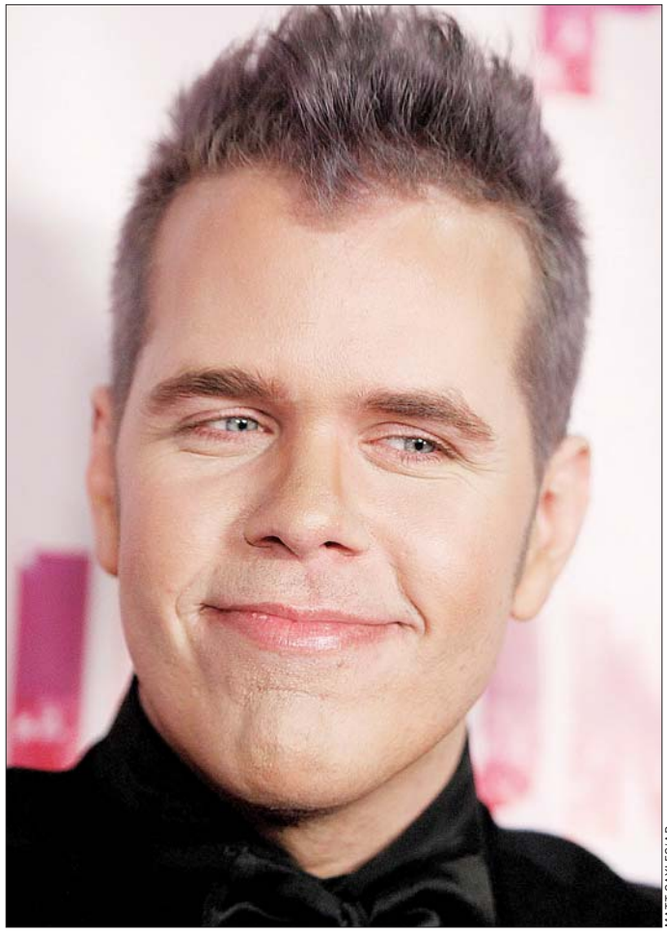

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ANNOYANCES

Fashion World Sighs

Gossip blogger **PEREZ HILTON** is set to launch a new Web site Thursday, Cocoperez.com, that will focus on the fashion world and target 20-something women. But he's not going soft. "It's still going to be opinionated. It wouldn't have 'Perez' in the title if it weren't," he told Express. Read the rest of our interview with him at Expressnightout.com. (EXPRESS)

PROFANITY

What?! Kate Only Curses Like Drunken Sailor at Jon

Kate came off well on TV Monday. She must be punished.

After reports that **KATE GOSSELIN** was an unpleasant "Today" guest (the Chicago Sun-Times quoted one source saying she "was swearing like a drunken sailor as she stormed out"), the show released a statement denying the rumors, Usmagazine.com reported. "These comments are completely and totally false," the statement said. "Kate Gosselin was a gracious guest on 'Today' and anyone within a thousand feet of her at the show yesterday morning could tell you that. It is unfortunate that a newspaper would run these lies, which couldn't be further from the truth." (EXPRESS)

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Heidi Version 2.0 will feature a lower IQ.

BEAUTY

And on the Eighth Day, God Created Silicone

HEIDI MONTAG told Playboy, for which she recently posed, that she'll someday be ready to go completely nude. "The body is a beautiful creation," she said in her interview. "If anything, the reason I didn't show everything is because I plan to get a few more upgrades." She added, "I'm definitely not done with my surgical quest." (EXPRESS)

ACTS

Because What's Football Without Some Filler?

TIM MCGRAW and the Black Eyed Peas are scheduled to perform before the NFL season opener, between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Tennessee Titans in Pittsburgh on Sept. 10, the NFL announced on Wednesday. (AP)

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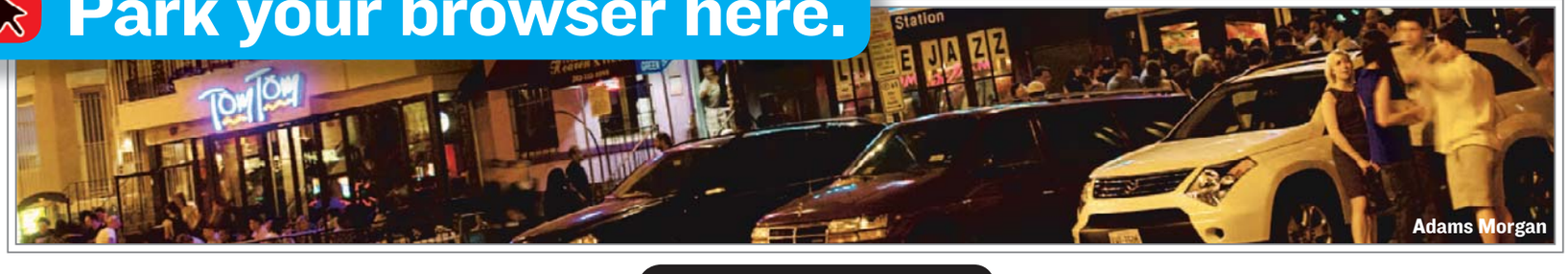

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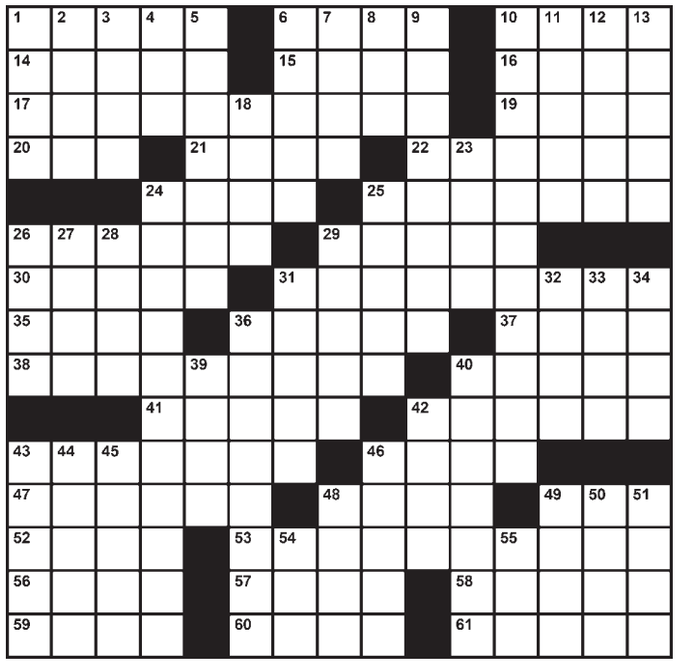

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14 Mirror's offering
15 Type of sausage
16 "___ la Douce"
17 Valentine's gift, perhaps
19 Bread from a tandoor
20 Word with "water" or "snow"
21 Woman with a niece
22 Obtained from milk
24 Bath bars?
25 Tiny aperture
26 "Downtown" singer Clark
29 ___ Domingo (Caribbean capital)
30 "Take ___ at the light"
31 Like a $120 return on a $40 bet
35 Book page
36 Pouty expressions
37 Affliction of the eyelid
38 Noteworthy, as a performance
40 Stick that's waved
41 Temples
42 Breakfast fruits
43 1969 Newman role
46 After-dinner confection
47 College building dedicatees, often
48 "golden days of ___"
49 Anonymous litigant
52 "The Love Boat" deck
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56 Be less than watertight
57 Emulated Pinocchio
58 As good as it gets
59 Prince Charles' sister
60 TV statuette
61 "___ ho!"

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2 A bad way to run
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5 What some games are won by
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7 .473 liters
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9 Penthouse views
10 Chef's addition
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29 Synagogues
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33 Rhone's capital
34 Hibernation habitats
36 Jawbone
39 Reason for a wet suit?
40 Charity event
42 "Blue II" painter Joan
43 Lily variety
44 Native's opposite
45 Africa's largest country
46 Like some very old bread
48 Primordial matter of the universe
49 One hundred Cambodian sen
50 Vocally expressed
51 Tough to catch
54 What a marksman takes
55 Substance-banning agcy.

Yesterday's Solution

SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

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Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

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Yesterday's Solution

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